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FBI starts probe into US bridge collapse

The FBI has opened a criminal investigation into the Baltimore bridge collapse incident that led to the death of six construction workers. The probe will also look into whether the crippled ship, mostly manned by Indians, left the key US port knowing the vessel had serious systems problems. The 2.6-km-long Francis Scott Key Bridge over the Patapsco River collapsed on March 26 after the ship 'Dali' collided against it.

No interim relief; AK can sign two types of papers

SC issues notice to ED; Tihar DG says CM can sign only legal or property documents

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY AND UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

INCARCERATED Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday got no interim relief from the Supreme Court on his plea challenging his arrest in the Delhi excise policy scam. A two-judge bench led by Justice Sanjiv Khanna merely issued notice to the Enforcement Directorate to file its reply on the CM's plea by April 24.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Kejriwal, told the court that the ED hadn't named the CM in its chargesheet, adding the objective was disable him from campaigning in the Lok Sabha elections. But the bench refused to yield. Later, a city court extended Kejriwal's judicial custody in Tihar jail till April 23.

At Tihar, Director General (Prisons) Sanjay Baniwal said Kejriwal can only sign two types of documents while in judicial custody, and they can't be political in nature.

"He or any inmate in judicial custody can only sign two types of documents, which can't be political in nature," Baniwal told this newspaper over phone. The two types of documents can be either a legal paper or some property related document, he added. His remarks came after AAP leaders reiterated that CM will continue to run the government from jail, and from next week he will call two ministers to Tihar every week and review their work.

Meanwhile, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann accused Tihar officials of giving Kejriwal a terrorist-like treatment. "Kejriwal is given terrorist-like treatment in jail... There was a glass wall between me and him when we met today," Mann said. But Tihar officials rebutted it, saying "There is no distinction between a hardcore or a normal criminal."

CAN WRITE TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS

As per the jail manual, undertrial and civil prisoners shall be granted all reasonable facilities to interview or write letters only to their family members, friends and legal advisers. "Prisoners should also be allowed to correspond with the counsel handling their cases." If it is found that the prisoner is corresponding with undesirable persons, such letters, both incoming and outgoing, shall be withheld," the jail manual says

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar interacts with the media in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

To every Indian going out, you have Modi's guarantee. Student welfare is particularly important for us
S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister

EAM: Want to find ways to de-escalate West Asia crisis

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

EXTERNAL Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Monday that the situation (in West Asia) is "extremely sensitive".

He told reporters here that he has spoken to his counterparts in Israel and Iran to de-escalate tensions in the region, which is extremely important for the global economy. "We also understand that they have concerns. For the rest of the world and definitely for India, we would like to find ways of de-escalating the situation there," he said. "We have 90 lakh Indians living in this enormously sensitive region. A large part of our shipping passes through this region and also, our major oil supplies come from here," he said.

Regarding the release of 17 Indian crew members of a cargo vessel seized by the Iranian military near the Strait of Hormuz, Jaishankar said he had spoken to his Iranian counterpart about it. P7

EXPRESS READ

CVoter predicts 23 seats for BJP-JDS, 5 for Cong

Bengaluru: A pre-poll survey by CVoter has predicted 21 seats for BJP, two for its alliance partner JDS and five for Congress in the LS polls. While the BJP rejoiced, the Congress rejected it | P7

20-yr-old biker falls into BWSSB trench, dies

Bengaluru: A 20-year-old man died and two others were injured when their two-wheeler fell into an unguarded trench dug by BWSSB contractors to lay pipes, on Kengeri main road on Sunday | P2

Above normal rain this year

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THERE is a high probability that India will get above-normal rains this southwest monsoon season, the Indian Meteorological Department said on Monday. It said seasonal rainfall will be on the higher side of above-normal, with over 106% precipitation in the long-period average (LPA) of 87 cm.

The weather office said favourable La Nina conditions, neutral Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)—which occurs due to differential warming of the western and eastern sides of the equatorial Indian Ocean—and lesser snow coverage over the northern hemisphere have brightened chances of a bountiful monsoon. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, IMD director general said La Nina conditions are likely to develop in the second half of the monsoon season.

"El Nino conditions are prevailing at present. ENSO-neutral conditions are expected in the first half of the monsoon season. Thereafter, models suggest, La Lina conditions may set in by August-September," Mohapatra said in a press conference here.

Parts of the northwest, east and northeast India are expected to receive below-normal rainfall, he added.

The normal monsoon range is between 96-104% of LPA. The range 104-110% of LPA is considered above normal and above 110% is excess rainfall. Similarly, ranging between 90-96% is considered below normal and less than 90% is deficient rainfall.

Sharmila struggling in cousin vs cousin joust

S NAGARAJA RAO @ Kadapa

KADAPA is witnessing a legacy joust between two cousins of a politically influential family — one of whom is a first-timer — and a triangular contest in the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections.

Incumbent Y S Avinash Reddy belongs to the Y S Rajashekara Reddy family tree. He is the cousin of YSR's son and Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, who floated his own YSR Congress. The Congress pitted Jagan's sister Y S Sharmila Reddy against Avinash.

Ever since 1989, when Rajasekhara Reddy won the Kadapa Lok Sabha seat, the contest here has only been about the YS family's victory margin. This is the first time two members of the YS family are vying for the top honours.

One of the backward districts in the Rayalaseema region, Kadapa witnessed a spurt in development after Rajasekhara Reddy became CM as he ensured a steady flow of funds for the family pocket borough.

The only time the TDP won the seat was in 1984 when D Narayana Reddy wrested it at the height of the N T Ramarao wave. Like Sharmila, TDP's candidate Chadipiralla Bhupesh Subbarami Reddy, too, is a first-timer. However, he hasn't been suddenly parachuted into Kadapa like her. Subbarami Reddy has silently been preparing the ground for the past several months.

The downside for Avinash Reddy is that he is an accused in the murder case of his uncle and former minister Y S Vivekananda Reddy. But he has the solid backing of Jagan. Avinash has stayed put in the constituency since the past several months to ensure there is no dent in his influence. His victory margin last time was over three lakh votes.

Speaking to TNIE, Avinash said spent his MPLADS (Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme) allocation and CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) funds generated from various corporates for the development in all assembly segments falling under his constituency. "I also took the initiative to get funds from the state government for implementing various projects in all segments," he said.

As for Sharmila, she does not have any base here, as she has been living in Hyderabad all along. Hoping to wrest the YSR legacy, she claims her father was a tall Congress leader, but Jagan left it and floated his own regional party.

However, the argument doesn't seem to be cutting ice with the people.

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SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

5 NYAYS – GUARANTEED BY CONGRESS

YUVA NYAY
- 30 lakh government jobs
- ₹1 lakh stipend under Apprenticeship Act for degree / diploma holders

KISAN NYAY
- Legal guarantee of MSP
- Loan waiver for farmers
- GST-free agriculture

NARI NYAY
- ₹1 lakh annual cash transfer to women
- 50% reservation for women in government jobs

HISSEDARI NYAY
- Socio-economic caste census
- Settlement of all FRA claims within 1 year

SHRAMIK NYAY
- ₹400 daily wage under MGNREGA
- Free healthcare of up to ₹25,00,000

HAATH BADLEGA HALAAT

ALMANAC TODAY

Tuesday: 16.04.2024 **Year:** Shobhakruta **Ayana:** Uttharayana **Ritu:** Vasantha **Masa:** Chaitra **Paksha:** Shukla **Tithi:** Ashtami 4.07 pm **Nakshatra:** Pushyami (Whole day) **Moon in** Simha Rashi **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER MIN 20°C | MAX 36°C

FORECAST Breaks of sun late

Sunrise 06.06 am | Sunset 06.32 pm | Moonrise 12.40 pm | Moonset 01.05 am

20-YEAR-OLD BIKER DIES AFTER FALLING INTO BWSSB TRENCH

Board chairman says incident occurred despite safety measures in place

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

Negligence on the part of Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) in installing signboards and barricades while digging roads resulted in the death of a 20-year-old boy in the city on Sunday.

Saddam Pasha, the victim from JJ Nagar, who was riding a scooter with two others, fell into a trench dug by BWSSB contractors to lay water pipes. The injured, Umran Pasha, 19, and Mubarak Pasha, 17, also hail from JJ Nagar.

The incident happened near Kommaghatta Junction on Kengeri main road around 8.30 pm. Locals claimed that the place was not barricaded. There was no signboard indicating digging work at the spot. DCP (Traffic-West) Anita B Haddannavar said after finishing work at a scrap yard, the trio riding the scooter entered the road that was temporarily closed for BWSSB work. They fell into the trench after hitting the barricade there. The rider died on the spot while two others sustained injuries. The injured were rushed to a nearby hospital.

Manjuntha, a local resident and member of Kommaghatta Gram Panchayat, said the trio fell into the trench as they were unable to see it in the darkness.

The BWSSB started work on the trench two months ago. After the incident, police installed barricades at night, Manjunatha alleged.

Kengeri traffic police have registered a case of causing death by negligence (IPC 304A) based on a complaint by Umran Pasha. Expressing regret over the death of the boy, BWSSB chairman Dr V Ram Prasath Manohar said he has instructed officials to take adequate precautionary measures at places where work is in progress.

After visiting the spot, he told reporters that the incident occurred despite safety measures in place. "As per preliminary investigations, BWSSB officials are not at fault. However, if there are any shortcomings, action will be initiated against errant officials," he said.

The trench was dug by BWSSB contractors two months ago and there were no signboards and barricades

DECKED UP FOR MAJOR FETE

The Gali Anjaneya Swamy Temple in Bapujinagar has been illuminated ahead of the Rama Navami festival which falls on April 17 | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Vote to build better democracy, brighter future: Ramesh Aravind

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

ACTOR Ramesh Aravind, who is the election ambassador roped by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) as the district icon to encourage voting among the people, addressed students at the "Namma Nade Matagatte Kade" (Our step is towards the polling booth) programme.

"A building cannot be built with a single brick. It can be built only with thousands of bricks. Your votes are like bricks. Only if everyone comes together and casts their votes, we can build a better democracy and a brighter future," he said.

The programme was organised by BBMP, Election Commission of India, Bangalore City Zilla Panchayat, and Bangalore University. Nearly 2,000 students from different colleges took part. If all your dreams have to come true, then you should all unite and come out to cast votes on April 26, he said. "Only young voters have the potential to change the democratic system. So choose the best candidate at your own discretion and vote without fail," Aravind added. He further said that success will come automatically if the right candidate is chosen. "Your future is not in your hands but in your fingers," he said.

Some of the questions asked by the students

1. Why voting has not been made compulsory for all?
2. How to choose the best candidate to vote?
3. What is the benefit of NOTA?
4. Can tourist spots and malls be closed on polling day?

If all your dreams have to come true, then you should all unite and come out to cast votes on April 26
— Ramesh Aravind, actor and election ambassador

District Election Officer and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath called upon the youth to vote enthusiastically. Lamenting that the voting percentage in Bengaluru has been poor, Girinath said, "In every election the city's polling percentage is poor. We have made all kinds of arrangements for people to vote. As young students, you should be motivating your near and dear ones to vote in this election."

During the programme, youngsters got their doubts cleared on many questions.

Auto drivers all set to showcase city to tourists

RAKSHITH GOWDA @Bengaluru

TO push tourism in Namma Bengaluru, auto drivers in the city have come together to introduce theme-based 'Tourist Auto' to offer local tour services independently.

Uma Shankar, an auto driver at Cubbon Park Auto Stand, said, "We noticed that many tourists struggle to explore Bengaluru on their own, often getting lost or missing out on hidden gems. By offering our tour services as local guides, we can showcase the city's tourist attractions with customised route map. Bengaluru, known as the Silicon Valley of India, attracts a steady stream of tourists from across the globe due to its rich cultural heritage, bustling markets and vibrant nightlife."

The low-cost tour guide service starts from Vidhana Soudha, Raj Bhavan, Bengaluru Palace and ends at Cubbon Park with a minimum fare of Rs 100. Even drivers are offering trips to Lalbagh Botanical Garden and other places with varying fares.

Speaking to TNIE, Adarsha Auto Union president Manjunath said while they had floated the concept earlier, they did not receive a positive response from the government. "Despite the lack of support from the government, interest in the 'Tourist Auto' proposal remains high, with many drivers continuing their efforts as it also supports their families. Navigating the city's diverse attractions can be daunting for newcomers. To solve the problem, the union came up with the initiative to attract tourists," he said.

"We are planning on having theme-bases tourist autos with pictures depicting our culture and tourist places to make them stand out from regular rickshaws. It will help tourists easily identify tourist autos. The autos will be equipped with water bottles, newspapers, magazines and a customized route map with a feedback letter. Initially, we plan to launch 50 such autos in the city," Manjunath added.

PROHIBITIONS

Dry days from April 17-19 in border areas with TN

With voting for Lok Sabha elections to take place in Tamil Nadu on April 19, Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner K A Dayananda on Monday ordered prohibition of liquor sales from April 17-19 in areas within 5 km from the inter-state border. Bengaluru Urban district shares borders with Tamil Nadu at Sarjapura, Attibele and Anekal areas. The office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka, also said the border areas will be sealed on the day of voting in Tamil Nadu. **ENS**

Meat shops to be shut for Rama Navami

On the occasion of Rama Navami, meat shops and slaughterhouses in the city will be closed on Wednesday. An order issued by the joint director (animal husbandry) of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahangara Palike on Monday stated that animal slaughter and sale of meat will be prohibited in BBMP limits on April 17. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

Honda warehouse to come up in Doddaballapur

To cater to the growing demand for vehicle spare parts, auto major Honda is setting up a cutting-edge warehouse in Doddaballapur near Bengaluru. The ground-breaking ceremony of the facility was held on Monday. It will serve spare parts operations for all Honda divisions. Expected to be operational by the first quarter of fiscal year 2025-2026, the facility will significantly enhance the overall customer service experience. Takuya Tsumura, President and CEO of Honda Cars India, said, "This state-of-the-art facility will not only improve access to spare parts in the southern region, but also position us for future needs in the era of electrification." The facility will also prioritise energy efficiency by implementing rainwater harvesting, a drinking water treatment plant, a sewage treatment plant and natural air circulation. **ENS**

Railways releases land for Suburban Rail's Kanaka line

The Railways recently released 115.47 acres of land required for the fourth corridor of the Rs 15,767-crore Bengaluru Suburban Rail Project, said Rajesh Kumar Singh, Project Director, K-RIDE, which is implementing the project. This corridor running for 46.8 km from Heelalige to Rajanakunte (Kanaka Corridor) was awaiting handover of land from Railways to begin the line, which is contracted to Larsen & Tourbo Ltd. Yogesh Mohan, DRM, Bengaluru Division, told TNIE,"We handed over the land requested for the project on April 2. The registration too has been completed." The 148.17-km project has four corridors. Work has begun on Corridor-2 (Mallige Line) from Benniganahalli to Chikkabanavara. Tenders are yet to be called for the first corridor from KSR railway station to Devanahalli via Yelahanka and the third corridor from Kengeri to Whitefield. **ENS**

Summer special trains to Guwahati from today

To accommodate extra rush of passengers towards the East and North East parts of the country in summer, South Western Railway will operate two pairs of special trains that will run 11 trips each. One special will run between Sir M Visvesaraya Terminal (SMVT) and Guwahati from Tuesday (April 16) while another will run between Yesvantpur and Howrah from April 18, said an official release. SMVT Bengaluru-Guwahati (unreserved) Weekly Express Special (Train no. 06521) will depart from SMVT every Tuesday at 11.40 pm from April 16 to June 25 and reach Guwahati at 4.50 am every Friday. In the return direction, Guwahati-SMVT (Train no. 06522) will depart from Guwahati every Saturday at 6.15 am from April 20 to June 29 and arrive at SMVT on Mondays at 10.55 am. Howrah-Yesvantpur Superfast Weekly Express Special (Train no. 02863) will depart from Howrah every Thursday at 12.40 pm from April 18 to June 27 and arrive at Yesvantpur at 12.15 am on Saturdays. In the return direction,Yesvantpur-Howrah Superfast Weekly Express Special (Train no. 02864) will depart from Yesvantpur every Saturday at 5 am from April 20 to June 29 and reach Howrah at 1.25 pm on Sundays. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

16TH April : More on lunar influences. According to the latest research by British Telecom, one of the world's largest phone operators, there is consistent evidence that telephone usage peaks in the seven days leading up the Full Moon. This may surprise the corporate executives, but it's just what astrologers would expect.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
This simply has to be a decisive time for your long-term aims and ambitions. Mars will be making some brilliant aspects over the rest of the year, urging you to take the initiative. Yet you are strangely cautious and unwilling to proceed. You're probably right to hang on for now.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Pluto has been working its magic through your relationships with the result that you no longer have time for people who do not value your friendship or appreciate your very real need to follow your own path. You're on course for creative fulfilment, by the way, although you're not prepared for the strange twists and turns of fate over the next six months.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You are supposed to be so fortunate at the moment, all on account of Jupiter's presence in powerful regions of your chart. However, this planet's retrograde motion has been causing significant delays, and it's unlikely that major plans will come to fruition until next year.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You can no longer rely on the emotional comfort to be gained from the Moon's recent passage through a sympathetic region of your chart. Instead, you should turn your attention to gritty issues, such as arranging your accounts and balancing the books.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
As the Sun forms yet another series of emotional relationships, it might be a question of turning the other cheek unless, that is, you are happy to risk an explosion at home. Family members may be quite justified in nursing grievances, so it's up to you to extend the hand of peace.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You have wasted a lot of time waiting for other people to fulfil promised obligations. Now you must make it your aim to set the agenda, insisting that partners and colleagues be as well-organised and efficient as you. There is a wonderful excuse for getting out of a chore - but will you take it?

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Venus is now in a wonderfully protective position, although you must be aware that nobody will step in to save you from financial muddles that are of your own making. This is why it is important to be bold and assertive. You see, you can only expect other people to respect you if you respect yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Slowly but inexorably you are moving towards a showdown. This may be with partners at home or colleagues at work, or perhaps with a friend who has been testing your patience. At times like these you should always look before you leap. Otherwise you'll cause strains in a close relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
There's a great deal of optimism in the air. Don't let this lead you to misunderstand the situation, though, as it does seem likely that someone has been going behind your back. Be sure to respond with your usual dignity, and leave a final choice until later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The ground may have been swept from under your feet lately, partly due to the fact that your expectations were unrealistic in the first place. It's a good time to secure help and advice from old friends. In love, you're beginning to grow more secretive - and adventurous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are supposed to be direct and honest as a rule, but there are times when a little smarmy insincerity can help you get your way without offending anyone. In fact, partners may find your new manners rather endearing. Your business plans will be moving fast, but won't be finally completed until the middle of next year.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Venus' supportive relationship with Jupiter, your planetary ruler, has you purring with contentment and, if all goes well, you'll be having a very successful day. In fact, play your cards right and you'll have plenty to smile about. One thing you can count on - partners will be on your side.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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		6					2	

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8	7	6	9	1	4	2	5	3
3	4	2	5	7	6	1	8	9
7	2	8	4	5	1	9	3	6
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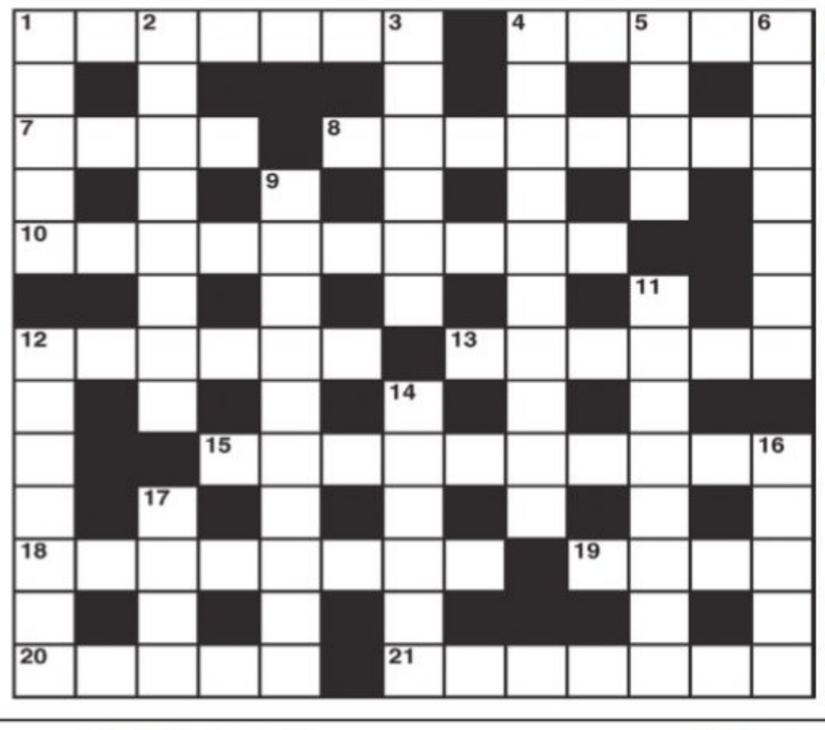
SUDOKU EVIL

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 I join two hundred in a game that's played (7)
4 A vehicle to travel as freight (5)
7 Part of the foot to move slowly (4)
8 Gently reprove a doctor in broken Danish (8)
10 I represent change and the readiness to accept it (10)
12 Such a pupil is likely to shine (6)
13 I'd boil uncontrollably with desire (6)
15 It's built to keep a flower in its bed (10)
18 He has minor responsibilities (8)
19 Drink left abroad (4)
20 Diets must change with the times (5)
21 There are two points he can possibly raise (7)

DOWN

1 Put in charge (5)
2 Bird-dog gets drunk (8)
3 Clerical workers may have taken them (6)
4 Get heating operations in hand for a Chinese meal (10)
5 Never-ending trouble for a bird (4)
6 Venetian to rise with a greeting (7)
9 Man of principle made riches in a way (10)
11 Keep quiet aboard ship (4,4)
12 Purchased about the middle of April and delivered (7)
14 Eastern style of serving chops? (6)
16 Let it be represented as right (5)
17 Settled one into residence (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Getting over, 9 Out of it, 10 Nitre, 11 Goya, 12 Football, 14 Opiate, 16 Blotto, 18 Tea caddy, 19 Idea, 22 Rapid, 23 Incense, 24 Street cries.

Down: 2 Entry, 3 Toff, 4 Nation, 5 Ornately, 6 Entrant, 7 Do a good turn, 8 Tell no tales, 13 Straddle, 15 In a spot, 17 Adrift, 20 Dense, 21 Scar.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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So, how do we keep building momentum?
Keep the quality. Keep the loyalty. Let people know their watches will last!
TIMEX WOULD BECOME ONE OF THE MOST-ENDURING BRANDS OF WRISTWATCHES ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HOVER VIGIL ASTRAY LICHEN
Answer: The wealthiest of the Andean Condors enjoyed being part of — HIGH SOCIETY

CHOUGALA EDUCATION SOCIETY'S

VIDYANIKETAN PU SCIENCE COLLEGE

'Jnana siri' Campus, Bhairidevarakoppa, HUBBALLI-25

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99.67% Total - 598
(P-100, C-100, M-100, B-100, E-100)

1st Rank in State

ADITYA AVERSEKAR
99.00% Total - 594
(P-99, C-100, M-100, B-100)

5th Rank in State

SAHANA H ILAGER
99.00% Total - 594
(P-99, C-100, M-100, B-100)

5th Rank in State

IInd-PUC 2024

Congratulations to all of you...

1st Place in Dharwad Dist. Consecutively Fifteenth Year

100% COLLEGE PASSING PERCENTAGE

APPEARED	619
PASSED	619

STUDENTS SCORED 100%		STUDENTS SCORED 95% TO 100%		STUDENTS SCORED 90% TO 95%		STUDENTS SCORED 85% TO 90%	
PHYSICS	15	G. TOTAL	215	G. TOTAL	298	G. TOTAL	83
CHEMISTRY	76	PCMB/S	319	PCMB/S	224	PCMB/S	58
MATHS	138	PHYSICS	237	PHYSICS	206	PHYSICS	95
BIO+ STAT	81	CHEMISTRY	320	CHEMISTRY	153	CHEMISTRY	45
		MATHS	291	MATHS	110	MATHS	45
		BIO+ STAT	348	BIO+ STAT	125	BIO+ STAT	34

6th Rank in State
KRUPA VADONI
98.83% Total - 593

6th Rank in State
SANKALP S KUNTHE
98.83% Total - 593

8th Rank in State
ANIRUDHA KULKARNI
98.50% Total - 591

8th Rank in State
SHREYA GOUDAR
98.50% Total - 591

8th Rank in State
VAISHNAVI KURI
98.50% Total - 591

9th Rank in State
KIRAN S TOLE
98.33% Total - 590

9th Rank in State
SAMMED TIKKE
98.33% Total - 590

10th Rank in State
RAMYA KAKOL
98.17% Total - 589

10th Rank in State
SAGAR GOURANNAVAR
98.17% Total - 589

98 % AND ABOVE 98 % IN PCM B/S

Vinod Pujar (P-99, C-100, M-100, B-100)
Abhishek K B (P-97, C-100, M-100, B-100)
Arpita B Mirji (P-98, C-99, M-100, B-100)
Sachin Lagali (P-100, C-98, M-100, B-99)
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PHASE-2 APRIL 26
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DAYS TO GO
PHASE-2 10
PHASE-3 21

TOTAL SEIZURES
₹357.91 crore

FIRs BOOKED
1,751

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TWEET OF THE DAY

The difference between the Congress guarantees & #ModiKiGuarantees - the commitments made by the BJP are always fulfilled. This is why people trust PM Sri @NarendraModi Ji.

@Tejasvi_Surya, BJP candidate for Bengaluru South

Saffron army out in support of Dingaleshwar seer

Supporters of Joshi remain unfazed

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru

IN a historic first in recent electoral history, an army of saffron will campaign against the BJP. Saffron-clad Lingayat swamijis have volunteered to fan out across the Dharwad countryside and seek votes "to save Lingayat honour and dignity".

The **Dingaleshwar swamiji**, though, has cautioned them, saying, "I don't want swamijis to reach the streets for this." He told *TNIE*, "My conscience will not allow me to use my supporters and swamijis for this, although dozens have volunteered to get on the streets to fight for my cause." Many swamijis have volunteered to visit houses across eight assembly constituencies, where there are about 6-7 lakh Lingayat voters. They are expected to help Swami Dingaleshwara fight for 'Lingayat honour', and visit voters to seek support for him."

The swami said, "Saffron-clad swamijis should not get on to the streets, kaavi dhaari beedige ilibaradu." There are about 18-19 lakh voters and about 12-13 lakh have exercised their franchise in the previous polls. Lingayats are traditionally BJP supporters, but this time all that could change." Yet, the supporters of Union minister Pralhad Joshi are unfazed, and say he won the 2019 poll by about 2 lakh votes, the 2014 election by about 1.1 lakh votes and in 2009, the winning margin was about 1.35 lakh votes. "The people are with us and there is very little they can do to defeat Pralhad Joshi. People understand it is about national issues," they said. Joshi had with him former CM B S Yediyurappa and Jagadish Shettar, former Dharwad MP Vijay Sankeshwar and many Lingayat leaders while filing nominations. But Dingaleshwara Swamiji, asked about Lingayat leaders on Joshi's side said, "Lingayat leaders are scared of Joshi and his clout in the BJP, they are petrified to even talk about him."

CONG TALK

The talk in local Congress circles is that party candidate Vinod Asuti is no match for Pralhad Joshi, and internal surveys and inquiries show the Congress candidate would need to work much harder to win against Joshi. There was also talk that Congress could support the swamiji to ensure they win Dharwad. Some leaders shot it down, saying that now that B-Forms have been issued, it will not mean loss of face for the party if they talk of change. Some senior leaders had also expressed apprehension about fielding religious leaders, saying the Congress has always worked in a secular space.

A Congress worker wears a mask and protests against former CM HD Kumaraswamy's remarks against the party's guarantees in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

HDK APOLOGISES TO WOMEN

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

COMING under sharp criticism for his remarks that rural women have lost their way, or gone astray, because of the Congress government's guarantee schemes, former CM HD Kumaraswamy on Monday expressed regret. Addressing a joint press conference with activist Girijamma, Akhila Bharata Karmika Hitarakshne Vedike president, Kumaraswamy apologised for his statement.

"I am sorry if my statement has hurt mothers. I have not insulted women, and have never done it in the past... My prestige is not at stake because I am expressing regret. I want to ask the mothers of the state: They (Congress government) give you Rs 2,000 and pick Rs 5,000 from the pockets of your husbands. I have told mothers to be careful about this and suggest they get stronger financially," he said.

Kumaraswamy had made the controversial statement at Turuvekere in Tumakuru constituency on Saturday, sparking a row. In his defence, he raked up comments made by other politicians, notably former assembly Speaker K R Ramesh Kumar's alleged 'vulgar' remarks about women in the assembly, and Danavagere MLA Shamanuru Shivashankarappa's comment that BJP candidate Gayathri Siddeshwara was fit to remain in the kitchen. Girijamma said she had lodged a complaint against Surjewala and Shivashankarappa with the State Women's Commission.

Kumaraswamy also brought up AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala's comment about Mathura BJP MP and actor Hema Malini, and Congress leader Supriya Shrinate's social media post about Mandi (Himachal Pradesh) BJP candidate and actor Kangana Ranaut. Surjewala's comment on why Hema Malini was elected had got him a notice from the ECI.

Congress approaches ECI

The Congress approached the ECI against Kumaraswamy, terming his statement was intentional and had outraged the modesty of women.

"His intention is to woo male voters in favour of BJP and JDS candidates in all 28 parliamentary constituencies," alleged KPCC vice-president V S Ugrappa.

As HDD speaks, 2 women shout slogans against HDK

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Tumakuru

FORMER prime minister and JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda here on Monday faced an embarrassing situation as two women, who are suspected to be Congress workers, created a scene at a meeting of BJP-JDS alliance workers at the Kunchitiga Community Hall.

They shouted slogans against JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy for saying that rural women have lost their way because of guarantees. They managed to enter the hall, waited till some speakers spoke and when Gowda's turn came to deliver the address, they shouted slogans.

BJP women workers dragged them out of the hall and later the police whisked them away.

A policewoman takes away two suspected women Congress workers, who tried to disrupt former PM HD Deve Gowda's meeting, in Tumakuru on Monday | EXPRESS

Gowda, who was taken aback, later delivered his speech.

'Victim of propaganda'

He said, "It was Sonia Gandhi who made HD Kumaraswamy the chief minister. I had no intention to contest from Tumakuru (in 2019), but Congress brought me here and defeated me. So I will not trust anyone in politics."

Gowda said he became a victim of a propaganda that he was against the release of Hemavathi river water from Hassan to Tumakuru. "As many as ten LS constituencies come under the Cauvery basin and if our candidates win we can stand before Prime Minister Narendra Modi and get justice for the state," he suggested.

Gowda, who lost the 2019 LS polls from the Tumakuru Lok Sabha constituency as the Congress-JDS alliance candidate, has hit the campaign trail for BJP-JDS alliance candidate V Somanna of BJP this time. He has campaigned in Koratagere and is likely to visit Madhugiri on Tuesday, focusing on Vokkaliga community votes.

HDK, DKS SPAR

The slugfest between HD Kumaraswamy and DK Shivakumar continued, with the former alleging that the latter got lands registered by kidnapping women and blackmailing their parents. He said Shivakumar had blackmailed apartment residents, demanding that they vote for his younger brother and Bangalore Rural Congress candidate D K Suresh, if they want Occupancy Certificate and NOC for new flats. "Shivakumar also threatened that they will get water only if they vote for Suresh," he alleged. Shivakumar hit back, saying, "Kumaraswamy should also say what is the rate, he may be in the habit of fixing rates and passing the buck to someone else... You got scared and went to Mandya... you will not win the elections..."

POLL VAULT

CM asks former PM to speak for K'taka

BENGALURU: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah hit out at former PM HD Deve Gowda for suggesting that a CM should not question the PM, who represents a hundred crore people. "We are part of a federal democracy where the PM is not an autocrat, nor is a CM a mere subordinate. Both hold positions of equal stature, irrespective of their age," Siddaramaiah stated. He accused Gowda of compromising Karnataka's interests for the survival of the regional party, by aligning with the PM and opposing the state's cause. "It is not too late to amend your ways and speak out against the injustices inflicted on Kannadigas by the Centre," the CM added.

PM calls Yaduveer, Yamraj, draws flak

BENGALURU: Yaduveer Srikantadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, the BJP-JDS candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency, was referred to as Yamraj by PM Narendra Modi while addressing a rally in Mysuru on Sunday. His slip of the tongue invited criticism from netizens. A user on X posted, "Modi insulting the royal lineage of Mysore and pride of Kannadigas by calling Yaduveer Chamaraja Wodeyar as Yamaraj. If the BJP candidate has some shame left, he should immediately step down than beg for votes in the name of Modi." Modi, though, immediately corrected himself and continued with his speech.

BJP's promises never saw fruition, says Shivakumar

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi, Kalaburagi

CRITICISING the BJP's manifesto on Monday, Deputy Chief Minister **DK Shivakumar** claimed that the promises made by the ruling party never came to fruition, as many of its previous promises -- such as two crore jobs for the unemployed, bringing back black money, and doubling farmers' income -- remained unfulfilled.

Speaking to the media here in Belagavi, Shivakumar said, "The Centre had implemented its three farm bills against the interests of farmers. When its agenda backfired, the bills were withdrawn. When the previous promises are not fulfilled, how will the BJP fulfill any new promises?"

"Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had

claimed to have spent Rs 20 lakh crore during the pandemic to save people. She must reveal the details of expenditure through advertisements in the newspapers. The BJP government even had refused to hand over the body of late Union minister Suresh Angadi, who had died by Covid-19. Jagadish Shettar and other BJP MPs did not even request Prime Minister Narendra Modi to return the body to his hometown, but DK Suresh had stood till the last rites in Delhi," he said, adding that the BJP, which is afraid of losing power at the Centre, has fielded new faces in 14 constituencies in Karnataka.

Reacting to JDS leader HD Kumaraswamy's recent controversial statement, he said, "Kumaraswamy is now an NDA partner. But he will not win in Mandya. We have brought guarantees to empower women. But it is not right to say that women are on the wrong path, after getting Rs 2,000 as part of the Gruha Lakshmi scheme. It is a matter-of-self respect for women. Women organisations in every taluk should condemn Kumaraswamy's statement."

'Album of picnic pics'

Meanwhile, RDPR Minister Priyank Kharge called BJP's manifesto "a book of announcements and an album of picnic pictures of PM Narendra Modi".

Addressing a press conference in Kalaburagi, Priyank said the BJP's manifesto started from 'Achhe Din' in 2014 to 'Modi ki Guarantee' in 2024. "Let the PM talk about the guarantees given in the last 10 years. Achhe Din, Skill India, Make in India, 100 Smart Cities, creation of 2 crore jobs and doubling farmer income, were the guarantees announced by the PM. What happened to these guarantees, were they implemented," he asked. He alleged that there is no warranty for the guarantees given by Modi.

The RDPR minister claimed that there were no specific assurances in the BJP's manifesto released on Sunday, which would be useful for the youth, women, farmers, the poor and laborers.

CLEAN POLITICS

Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha candidate Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and his wife Trishika Kumari pick up litter at Maharaja's Ground, a day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally, in Mysuru on Monday | EXPRESS

'BSY, Raghavendra failed to address people's issues'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Shivamogga

KPCC president and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Monday asked former chief minister BS Yediyurappa and his son and MP BY Raghavendra as to why people in the Shivamogga constituency should vote for BJP when the two leaders have neglected all prominent issues concerning farmers and people.

He asked, "Why have you not addressed the issue of eviction of farmers under the Forest Rights Act? Why you failed to reduce the cultivation of bagair hukum land norm from 75 years to 25 years? What stopped you from reviving the Mysore Paper Mills and Visvesvaraya Iron and Steel Ltd? What happened to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's promise of sanctioning an areca research station in Tirthahalli?"

He asked Raghavendra whether he raised any pro-farmer issues in Parliament and to provide details if he did. "BJP is contesting the polls exploiting the sentiments of the people, while Congress is doing so to build a life for them. BJP is talking about Modi guarantee, while we are talking about Congress guarantee. Whatever we promised we have delivered," he asserted.

On JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy's statement about women in villages losing their way after they benefited from the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, he asked why Yediyurappa, Union minister Shobha Karandlaje, Assembly opposition leader R Ashoka and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman have kept quiet.

Geetha declares assets worth ₹89 crore, jointly with husband

Shivamogga Congress candidate Geetha Shivarajkumar and her husband and actor Shiva Rajkumar wave at the crowd during a procession in Shivamogga on Monday

MARX TEJASWI @ Shivamogga

CONGRESS candidate from the Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency, Geetha Shivarajkumar, along with her husband and actor Shiva Rajkumar, possess assets to the tune of Rs 89.31 crore, as per the affidavit submitted to the returning officer.

According to the documents, Geetha's assets include diamond and gold jewellery weighing a total of 11,542 grams and valued at Rs 3.50 crore. The couple's combined assets revealed in the affidavit include Geetha owning assets worth Rs 40.04 crores, while Shiva Rajkumar's holdings amount to Rs 49 crore.

In contrast, their daughter, Niveditha S, maintains a bank account balance of only Rs 100. However, she has extended a loan of Rs 1 lakh to her own production company Sri Muthu Cine Services. Geetha declared an annual income of Rs 1.48 crore for the financial year 2022-23. While her annual income was between Rs 29 lakh and Rs 33.93 lakh, from 2018-19 to 2021-22, it saw an increase to Rs 1.48 crore in 2022-23. However, Shiva Rajkumar declared an annual income of Rs 2.97 crore for 2022-23. He had declared an annual income of Rs 2.20 crore in 2018-19, Rs 1.87 crore in 2019-20, Rs 97.98 lakh in 2020-21, and Rs 1.27 crore in 2021-22. While Geetha has a cash in hand of Rs 3 lakh, Shiva Rajkumar has Rs 22.58 lakh. Geetha owns a Toyota Hybrid car worth Rs 1.07 crore, while Shiva Rajkumar owns a Toyota Fortuner, Maruti Ertiga, and Volvo S90. The couple jointly owns 11 acres of agricultural land at Chaakanahalli in Kanakapura taluk.

Geetha files nomination in Shivamogga

Congress candidate from Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency Geetha Shivarajkumar filed her nomination here on Monday. Thousands of supporters took part in a procession that followed. Accompanied by her husband and actor Shiva Rajkumar, DCM DK Shivakumar, her brother and district In-charge minister Madhu Bangarappa, former minister Kimmane Ratnakar, and other Congress leaders, Geetha filed the nomination. Geetha filed her first set of nomination papers with her husband as well as senior party leaders. Returning Officer Gurudatta Hegde received the papers. Later, she took part in the procession where Shivakumar, Madhu, MLAs BK Sangameshwar, Beluru Gopalakrishna and other leaders accompanied her. She filed her second set of nomination papers with Shivakumar, Gopalakrishna, and Sangameshwar.

A school teacher was arrested for sexually abusing a 17-year-old adivasi boy in Yelandur taluk of Chamarajanagar district. Police said the minor resides at Girijana Hostel in the taluk, and had also recently appeared for the SSLC exam. On April 5, the teacher had told the student to meet him in the school, where he sexually abused him. A POCSO case has been registered

SHORT CIRCUIT?

4-year-old boy dies as house catches fire

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A four-year-old boy died when fire broke out due to a suspected short circuit at his house in Sultanpalya in RT Nagar police station limits on Sunday.

The victim has been identified as Anoop. His father Pooran Khandak and mother Lakshmi hail from Nepal and work in the apartment complex where they were provided accommodation on the fourth floor. Khandak is a security guard and Lakshmi a domestic help. The couple used to put Anoop to sleep and lock the door before going to work.

On Sunday evening, Lakshmi came home after work and saw thick smoke billowing out of the room. She alerted her husband and the fire department was informed. After the fire was doused, the boy was found dead with burn injuries, the police said.

"It is not clear if the boy died of burn injuries or due to asphyxiation. We are waiting for the post-mortem report to ascertain the exact cause of death," said an officer.

The RT Nagar police have registered a case.

FLAT OWNER BEATEN UP BY RWA MEMBERS

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AN apartment owner in Yelahanka, who took a stand against the legality of the residents association and its bid to mobilise funds recently for a new project, was allegedly beaten with a car lock remote and kicked in his private parts by association members on Sunday. The victim, who is hospitalised, has filed a police complaint against five association members.

Dr Sunil Kumar Hebbi, who was also allegedly issued death threats, was assaulted on the premises of the Kendriya Vihar Apartments that has 603 flats at Kogilu Cross. His complaint names Sunil Yadav, Ugrappa, Shivprasad, Chandan and an unknown fifth person for the attack.

Dr Hebbi contended that resident welfare associations registered under the Karnataka Society Registrar Act 1960, like in the present one, are not legal.

Dr Hebbi, who runs three 'Mobile on wheels' clinics -- one of them free of cost for the poor, told *TNIE*, "I have been living here for three years now. The association is not legal. It has collected a corpus fund of Rs 6 crore from the residents. It does not have the right to do so. I also paid. The Association recently planned to start a new project for Rs 7 crore, including painting the houses and other works, and had fixed huge sums to be paid by each family."

Dr Hebbi approached the District Registrar of Cooperative Societies, who on March 18 froze the corpus fund of the Association.

Dr Hebbi said, "I went to take my medicine from my car which was near the lift. Yadav, who was standing nearby with his family, started abusing me and said I froze their funds. He used the car lock remote to hit me on my head. His parents and wife too abused me. Four others mentioned in the complaint joined them and they started kicking me and tried to strangulate me saying they would kill me. A resident, Balaguru, came to my help and I ran away from the spot."

He then went to the Yelahanka police, who registered an FIR invoking Sections 506, 504, 323, 324 and 34 of the IPC, which deal with criminal intimidation and hurt caused deliberately by weapons.

Dr Hebbi is now being treated at KC General Hospital. "Though external injuries are minor, the doctors are suspecting internal injuries," he said.

The Association Secretary could not be reached despite multiple attempts.

LOVE FOR SPORT

Supporters of Royal Challengers Bengaluru and Sunrisers Hyderabad cheer for their teams, which clashed in an Indian Premier League match at Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

Man held for murder of cousin

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SUSPECTING his relative to have committed theft in his closed house, a person allegedly thrashed him to death at Sutagatti village in Belagavi taluk on Sunday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Rayappa Basavani Mannikeri (30), a resident of Sutagatti. Police have arrested accused Shetyappa Kallappa Mannikeri, who reportedly murdered the victim. According to police sources, Rayappa was an alcoholic and used to steal to purchase liquor, which local villagers knew. However, no theft cases had been registered against him till date. Shetyappa had locked his house and had left his village to visit someone. He returned after three days and found his house burgled.

Shetyappa immediately got suspicious and strongly suspected that Rayappa had committed the theft. The thief had entered from the roof and stolen valuables. Shetyappa nabbed Rayappa and questioned him. This irked Rayappa and the verbal clashes between the two turned violent. Rayappa took a sickle to attack Shetyappa, which upset the latter. Shetyappa thrashed Rayappa and tied him to a pillar. But Rayappa succumbed to his injuries. A case has been registered.

HC confirms life term for Asnotikar murder accused

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THE High Court of Karnataka has confirmed the order sentencing Sanjay, one of the accused in the Vasant Asnotikar murder case, to life imprisonment. Asnotikar was Karwar Congress MLA when he was shot dead by two motorcyclists on February 19, 2000.

A division bench of Justice HP Sandesh and Justice Ramachandra D Huddar confirmed the sentence, dismissing an appeal filed by Sanjay, a resident of West Mumbai.

In his appeal, Sanjay, accused No 6 in the murder case, questioned the order of life imprisonment passed by the Karwar trial court in 2021.

Asnotikar was shot dead around 8pm when he was overseeing the arrangements being made for the wedding reception of his daughter at a convention hall in Karwar.

"The accused has utterly failed to prove before the court with legal evidence that the judgment of conviction and order on sentence passed by the trial court suffers from illegality," the high court said while dismissing Sanjay's appeal.

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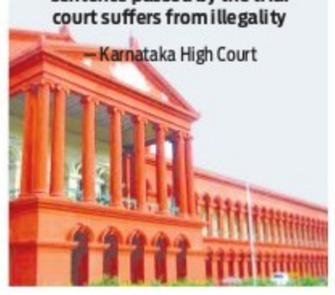
— Karnataka High Court



AUTO DRIVER BOOKED FOR SEXUALLY HARASSING TECHIE

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

A 32-year-old software developer from Andhra Pradesh filed a sexual harassment complaint against an auto driver. The woman in her complaint stated that the incident took place at Agrahara Main Road, Sampigehalli, between 9.15 pm and 10.15 pm on Thursday. She filed a police complaint on Saturday night.

The victim is a resident of Prakruthi Nagar, and works as a software developer at a private firm in Kodigehalli.

In her complaint, the victim stated that after her work on Thursday, she was waiting for an auto, near Kodigehalli junction, when the perpetrator agreed to drop her to her destination at a fare of Rs 140. She said that while on the Kogilu Cross main road, the auto driver kept exhibiting objectionable gestures, looking at the victim through the rear-view mirror. The victim started panicking and was afraid to get out of the moving auto.

After taking a right towards Agrahara, the auto driver stopped the vehicle and said that the auto had developed an engine problem. He then allegedly groped her as she tried to get out of the auto. He tore her clothes, as she pushed him away. Mustering courage, the victim started running towards Agrahara main road when she spotted two women and sought their help. She managed to escape, and reach home.

"The auto driver is yet to be arrested. We are checking CCTV footage on the route that the victim took," said an officer part of investigations. A case has been registered under IPC 354B against the auto driver.

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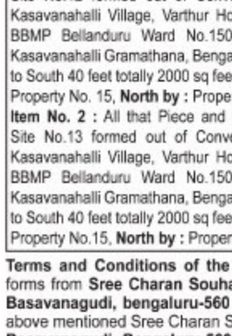

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AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Action Sale under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 Section 13(4) of the Immovable properties mortagaged to **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** is brought to Sale under **"As is Where is Condition".**
Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1. Mr.Basavaraj Nagaraju, S/o. Nagaraju .B, No. 12 And 13, Manasaditi, 1st "A" Cross Road, HNR Layout, Opposite MSR Blue Petals Apartment, Kaikondarahalli, Bangalore-560 035. The Sureties of the loan **1. Mr. Hari Krishnan Puravankara,** S/o.Unnikrishnan Nair, No. 38, 2nd Floor, 8th Cross, 3rd Main Road, Venkatapura Main Road, Koramangala, Bangalore-560 034. **2. Mr. Prakash .D,** S/o. Damodara Achari, No. 139/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, 6th Main, Shamanna Garden, Thayappa Layout, Bilekahalli, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 076. **3. Mrs. Kavitha Basavaraju** W/o. Basavaraj Nagaraju, No.12 And 13, Manasaditi, 1st "A" Cross Road, HNR Layout, Opp:MSR Blue Petals Apartment, Kaikondarahalli, Bangalore-560 035.
Loan Account No. IPL, Total Outstanding Amount : **Rs. 2,99,03,097/-** (Rupees Two Crores Ninety Nine Lakh three thousand ninety seven Only) as on 31.12.2022, with further interest/incidental expenses /costs till the date of full payment.
Details of Encumbrances, if any, known to the Secured Creditor : NIL

Description of the Properties	Reserve Price Secured debt EMD Price	Date and Place of Public Auction
Item No.1 : All that Piece and parcel of the property in Vacant site bearing Site No.12 formed out of Converted Sy.No.6/1, Katha No.1535, situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk after inclusion into BBMP Bellanduru Ward No.150, property bearing Katha No.1664/1534/12, Kasavanahalli Gramathana, Bengaluru East measuring East to West 50 feet North to South 40 feet totally 2000 sq feet and **bounded on : East by :** Road, **West by :** Property No. 15, **North by :** Property No. 13, **South by :** Property No. 11. **Item No. 2** : All that Piece and parcel of the property in Vacant site bearing Site No.13 formed out of Converted Sy.No.6/1, Katha No.1536, situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk after inclusion into BBMP Bellanduru Ward No.150, property bearing Katha No.1665/1536/13, Kasavanahalli Gramathana, Bengaluru East measuring East to West 50 feet North to South 40 feet totally 2000 sq feet and **bounded on : East by :** Road, **West by :** Property No.15, **North by :** Property No.14, **South by :** Property No.12.	**Reserve Price Rs. 4,15,00,000/-** **EMD Price Rs. 4,15,000/-**	17.05.2024, 11a.m. to 12 Noon Head Office, SREE CHARAN SOUHARDHA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

Terms and Conditions of the Auction : (1) The participants who are attending in Auction, may obtained the tender forms from **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-operative Bank Ltd., Head Office : 87/1, H.B. Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, bengaluru-560 004 during office working hours**, **(2)** The auction will be conducted in the premises of above mentioned Sree Charan Souhardha Co-operative Bank Ltd., **Head Office : 87/1, H.B. Samaja Road, Gandhi Bazar, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru-560 004. (3)** For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit EMD on or before 5 pm on **16.05.2024** whcihc is an amount equivalent to 10% of the reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit which is refundable. **(4)** The successful bidders should deposit 25% of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cast/D.D to the bank and the balance within 15 days from the date of auction. **(5)** The origin borrowers reserves the reserves the rights for payment of outstanding loan amount within stipulated time from the date of Auction of the property. **(6)** The cautioned deposite shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, if the successful bidders fails to adhere to the terms and condition of public auction, time and commits default in any manner. **(7)** The successful bidders shall bear all expenses like Stamp Duty, Registration fee etc., for getting the Sale Certificate Registered in his/her favour. **(8)** The schedule property will be auctioned as it is and where it is in the condition under the terms and conditions of the SARFAESI ACT 2002. **(9)** The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction whithout assigning any reasons thereof. **(10)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at **Sree Charan Souhardha Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head Office, or through Telephone Mob : 9901453379, Phone : 26676837.**

Date : 16.04.2024
Place : Bangalore
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sree Charan Souharda Co-Operative Bank Ltd.
Bangalore - 560 004.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that my client Sri Govind Prasad Rajgarhia to whom the below mentioned properties have been mortgaged, has filed a Money Recovery Suit vide O.S. No. 1649/2024 before the Hon'ble Court of CCH3 XV Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Bengaluru, which is pending adjudication.
SCHEDULE 1 PROPERTY
All that part and parcel of the property bearing Plot No. E-137, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 80 Feet in Manyata Residency at Rachenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk and bounded on: **East by :** Site No.E-136, **West by :** Site No.E-128, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No. E-146
SCHEDULE 2 PROPERTY
All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No. H 203 measuring 1568 Square Feet of super built up area with car parking respectively in Second Floor of Krishna Diamond Apartment near Central library Road, Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru-560092.
SCHEDULE 3 PROPERTY
All that part and parcel of the property bearing Flat No. H-204 measuring 1568 Square Feet of super built up area with car parking respectively in Second Floor of Krishna Diamond Apartment near Central Library Road, Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru-560092.
SCHEDULE 4 PROPERTY
All that part and parcel of land bearing Plot No. IP-59 situated at Gowribidanur Industrial Area comprised in Sy.No. 205 at Kudumalakunte Village, Kasaba Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk, Chikkaballapur District totally measuring 4048 Sq Mtrs and bounded on:- **East by :** Plot No. IP-56, **West by :** KIADB Road No.3, **North by :** Plot No. IP-60 **South by :** Plot No. IP-58
Therefore, any/all persons entering into and/or executing Agreement of Sale or Sale Deed or Power of Attorney or creating any kind of charges and dealing with the properties in any manner whatsoever are hereby informed that the above said properties are the subject matter of O.S. No. 1649/2024 mentioned above and they would be doing so at their own risk as to all costs and consequences.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Under the instructions of my client Smt. S. Rashmi D/o S. Sathyanarayan Rao, W/o Murali Mohan Rao V, Residing at Flat No.367, Royal Town, Mathigiri, Hosuru Taluk, Krishnagiri District, Tamil Nadu, the public are hereby notified that my client has not executed any power of attorney or affidavit concerning the northern portion of the Site Bearing No.7 in Alur morefully described in the schedule and herein after referred to as notice site, in favour of one Sunil Kumar .K, S/o Kacharulal, Aged 49 years, No.117, 9th Cross Road, R.K. Extension, Malagala, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, BANGALORE - 560 091.

2. However, as aforesaid Sunil Kumar .K is proclaiming that he is having a general power of attorney and affidavit in his favour, as a matter of abundant caution, my client hereby terminates/cancels the same and public are informed not to deal with aforesaid Sunil Kumar .K, S/o Kacharulal in respect of the notice site in any manner and if any one transacts with him, it shall not bind my client and also her property i.e., the notice site.

SCHEDULE

All that piece, parcel of the northern half portion of Site bearing No.7, Assessment No. 34/2, situated in Alur Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 33 feet or 10.6 meters and North to South 30 feet or 9.14 meters totally 990 sq.feet or 91.97 sq.meters, bounded on the East by : Private property, West by : Road, North by : Site No.6, South by : Remaining southern half portion of the Site No.7.

(K.V. NARASIMHAN) Advocate
No.619/R, 36th Cross, 2nd Block,
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Bangalore, Date: 15.04.2024

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DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 3 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The Piramal Capital and Housing Finacne Ltd have assigned a pool of Loan (including below mentioned Loans) together with underlying security interest created therefor along with all the rights, title and interest thereon under Section 5 (1) (b) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("SARFAESI ACT") vide an assignment agreement dated March 29, 2023 ("the Assignment Agreement") in favour of JMFARC (JM) (herein reffered as Assingee). The undersigned is the Authorised Officer of (JM) assignee. Under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the said Act). In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, the Authorised Officer has issued Demand Notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the following Borrower(s) (the "said Borrower(s)"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice(s) issued to them that are also given below. In connection with above, Nnotice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) to pay to JM, within 60 days from the publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest as detailed in the said Demand Notice(s), from the date(s) mentioned below till the date of payment and/or realization, payable under the loan agreement read with other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to JM by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Name of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount with NPA date	Description of secured asset (immovable property)
(LC No. 04900001707 of Puducherry Branch) Bhuvana P (Borrower) Vishnu Prasad R (Co Borrower 1)	22-03-2024 / ₹2140802/- (₹ Twenty One lakh Forty Thousand Eight Hundred Two Only) NPA (10-03-2024)	01 A 09, First Floor, R S No:21/3 Leelanand Homes, Embalam Road, Karikalampakkam Village, Pondicherry. Puducherry Pondicherry :- 605007
(LC No. 15500000530 of Nelamangala Branch) Sankar B (Borrower) Leena U (Co Borrower 1)	22-03-2024 /₹ 2789837.68 /-(₹ Twenty Seven lakh Eighty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Seven Only and Sixty Eight Paise) NPA(10-03-2024)	Site No 554 Jr Coconest Phase-3 Sy No:128/2 Marsur Village Kasaba Hobli Anekal Taluk Bangalore Bengaluru Karnataka :- 562106

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to JM as aforesaid, JM shall proceed against the above secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risks of the said Borrowers as to the costs and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of JM. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 16.04.2024 **Sd/- (Authorised Officer)**
Place : Bangalore, Karnataka **JM Financial Asset Reconstruction Company Limited**

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd.

Corporate Office : Unit No.802, Natraj Rustomjee, Western Express Highway and M.V.Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai- 400069
Nelamangala Branch : 1st floor, Katha No. 658/A, Vinayaka Nagar,Arishinakunte,Near Honda Showroom, Nelamangala,Banglore-562123,(Karnataka).

Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd

E- AUCTION – SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Properties under the Securitizationand Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged,possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Nelamangala Branch** of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** with no known encumbrances Particulars of which are given below:-

Sl No.	Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of the Immovable property	Reserve Price (RP)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Nature of possession
1.	Loan Code No : 22800000894 & 22800000996 Nelamangala Branch Srinivas S (Borrower) Umadevi K S (Co Borrower) Hanumantha Rayappa H V (Guarantor)	13-09-2022 ₹ 10,22,284.00 & ₹ 88,130.00	126 2B Halenijgal 126 2B Halenijgal Dabaspete Sompura Hobli Nelamangala Near Lakshmi Temple, Bengaluru - 562111, Karnataka. Bounded on **East by** : Narayanappa's Property, **West by :** Lakshmamma,s Property, **North by :** Govindaih's Property and **South by :** Road.	₹ 15,24,330.00 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty Four Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Only)	₹ 1,52,433.00 (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Three Only)	Physical

1. Last Date of Submission of DD of Earnest Money Deposit along with KYC, Tender Form and accepted Terms and conditions (Tender Documents) is **16.05.2024 within 5:00 PM** at the Branch Office address mentioned herein above or uploaded on **https://bankeauctions.com**. Tenders documents received beyond last date will be considered as invalid tender and shall accordingly be rejected. No interest shall be paid on the EMD.
2. Date of Opening of the Bid/Offer (Auction Date) for Property is **17.05.2024 on https://bankeauctions.com at 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.**
3. AHFL is not responsible for any liabilities whatsoever pending upon the property as mentioned above. The Property shall be auctioned on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'.**
4. The Demand Draft Should be made in favorof 'Aadhar Housing Finance Limited' Only.
5. Auction/bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website **https://bankeauctions.com**. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings.
6. The intending bidders should register their names at portal M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the link **https: //bankeauctions. com/registration/ signup,** and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD through the website **https://bankeauctions.com**
7. For further details contact Authorised Officer of Aadhar Housing Finance Limited, **Manjunatha K R, Branch (Contact No. 9480074594)** OR the service provider M/s C 1 INDIA PVT LTD, **Mr. Prabhakaran (Contact No. +91 7418281709), E-mail:tn@c1india.com & support@ bankeauctions.com, Mobile No:+917291981124 /25 /26.** As on date, there is no order restraining and/or court injunction AHFL/the authorized Officer of AHFL from selling, alienating and/or disposing of the above immovable properties/secured assets.
8. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aadhar Housing Finance Limited (AHFL), secured creditor's website i.e. www.aadharhousing.com.
9. The Bid incremental amount for auction is **Rs.1000/-.**

Place : Nelamangala **Authorised Officer**
Date : 16.04.2024 **Aadhar Housing Finance Limited**

HDFC BANK LIMITED

HDFC BANK

Regd. Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.
In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.
Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sl No	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1.	**Mrs. Bhagyamma M (Borrower)** No.100, Unnathi, 21st Main 1st Cross, J C Nagar, Kurubrahalli, Basaveshwar nagar II Stage, Behind Vally Pharmacy Collage, Bengaluru 560086. **Also at: Sri Banashankari Mahila Co-Operative Bank Limited, Designation:** Accountant, **Department:** Accounts, #215, K M Nganna Road, Cubbonpet, New Tharagpet, Bengaluru 560002. **Mr. Vivekananda V P (Co-Borrower)** #736, H M T Qurters, Opp H M T Ground,Jalahalli West, Jalahalli, Bengaluru 560013. **Also at: National Informatics Centre, Designation:** Multi Tasking In NIC, **Department:** IT, **Emp No.:** 5442, 6th &7th Floor Mini Tower, Shivaji Nagar, Dr Ambedkar Veedhi, Near GPO North, Bengaluru 560001. **Also at:** No.100, Unnathi, 21st Main 1st Cross, J C Nagar, Kurubrahalli, Basaveshwar nagar II Stage, Behind Vally Pharmacy Collage, Bengaluru-560086.	**Loan Account No. (1) 641753148 Rs.18,06,818/- (2) 641753265 Rs.20,20,106/- (3) 641753375 Rs.10,94,627/- (4) 642756850 Rs. 62,036/- (5) 642946550 Rs. 88,027/- (6) 643453251 Rs. 65,075/- Total Amount Rs.51,36,689/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine Only) as on 31.03.2024**	**05.04.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.03.2024**	All the piece and parcel of the property bearing **No.100,** Assessment No.35, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.feet, situated at Laggere Village, 21st Main Road, J.C Nagar, BBMP Ward No.75, Old Ward No.13, Bangalore and bounded on: **East by :** 30 feet wide road, **West by :** Site No.97, **North by :** Site No.101, **South by :** Site No.99. And along with House Construction there on present and future.
2.	**Mr. Raju (Borrower)** # 17, Police Quarters, 8th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru 560055. **Also at:** Government of Karnataka, **Designation:** Assistant Sub Inspector, **Department:** Police, **Employee No:** 1453945, 2nd Main Road, Vyalikaval Police Station,Near State Bank of Mysore, Bengaluru 560003. **Also at:** Unit-154, SLV Nakshatra, Sheshagirihalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk, Ramanagaram 562109.	**Loan Account No. 686394870 Rs.18,42,823/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Fourty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Three Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**05.04.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.01.2024**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of composite property-lands bearing **Sy. No.16, New Sy.No.17/2** (Old Sy. No.17), Sy.No. 86/1A(Old Sy. No. 86/1), Sy No.86/1B (Old Sy.No.86/1), Sy.No.86/2, Sy.No.87/1 (Old Sy. No.87) and 87/2 (Old Sy.No.87), totally measuring **18 Acres,** situated at Sheshagirihalli village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagar Taluk & District, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose vide order bearing No.ALN/ SR /8/2004-05 dated: 10/05/2004 issued by the Assistant Commissioner, Sub division Ramanagara and bounded on: **East by :** Land in Sy.No.88, **West by :** Government Karab Katte (Pond) in Sy No. 20 & Relinquished Road Connecting to Bengaluru to Mysuru Highway in Sy No. 19 & 17/1, **North by :** Land in Sy. No.15 & 17/1, **South by :** Land in Sy.No.17/3 and Manchanayakana halli Village Boundary. **Schedule B:** All that piece and parcel of the Site Bearing **No. 154,** carved out of in Schedule 'A' Property, situated at Sheshagirihalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Ramanagara District, measuring East to West 15.24 Mtrs., and North to South 9.14 Mtrs., in all measuring **139.29 Sq. Mtrs.** (1500 Sq feet) (Manchanayakanahalli Village Panchayath Khata No.157/154, PID No: 152900402003120375) developed in the Residential layout Known as **"SLV NAKSHATRA"** and bounded on: East by : 10 Mtrs Road, West by : Site No.175, North by : Site No.155, South by : Site No.153.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to **HDFC Bank Limited** as aforesaid, then **HDFC Bank Limited** shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.
The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 16.04.2024 **For HDFC Bank Ltd.**
Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

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प्राधिकरण भवन, विपिन खण्ड, गोमती नगर, लखनऊ (उ.प्र.)

ई–ऑक्शन सूचना

लखनऊ विकास प्राधिकरण की विभिन्न योजनाओं में विभिन्न भू–उपयोग के भूखण्डों का ई–ऑक्शन दिनांक 22.04.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे वेबसाइट https://ldaauction.procure247.com/ पर किया जाना प्रस्तावित था जिसे बढ़ाकर दिनांक– 24.05.2024 कर दिया गया है।

ई–ऑक्शन में भाग लेने हेतु इच्छुक क्रेताओं को ई–ऑक्शन पोर्टल पर पंजीकरण तथा आरक्षित दर से आगणित सम्पत्ति के मूल्य का 10 प्रतिशत (ई0एम0डी0) ऑन लाइन एवं वांछित प्रपत्र दिनांक–21.05.2024 तक जमा किया जा सकता है। ऑक्शन की अन्य नियम शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेंगी।

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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Telephone House, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

O. A No. 17 of 2021

BETWEEN:
The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd., IAR Branch, Ground Floor, 'Gold Signature' # 95, Mosque Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005. **... Applicant**
AND
M/s. Bangalore Steel Trading, a partnership firm having its registered office at No.18, 2nd Cross, N.R. Road, New Bamboo Bazaar Road, Bengaluru-560 002 and others; **... Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES; 1993

To: 1. M/s. Bangalore Steel Trading, a partnership firm having its registered office at No.18, 2nd Cross, N. R. Road, New Bamboo Bazaar Road, Bengaluru-560002; represented by its Partners; **Sri. Amjad Ali** and **Smt. Ayesha Husna**
2. Sri. Amjad Ali, Son of Sri. A.M. Mohammed Ali, No.19/1, Stephen Enclave, Stephen Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005.
3. Smt. Ayesha Husna, wife of Sri. Amjad Ali, No.19/1, Stephen Enclave, Stephen Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005.
7. Sri. M.A. Masood Ali, son of Sri. A.M. Masood Ali,No.16/1, Dr. Oomer Sharif Road, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru.
Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993, against you and other Defendants for the recovery of amount of **Rs.6,09,48,353.00 (Rupees six crores nine lakhs forty eight thousand three hundred and fifty-three only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and to file written statement before the tribunal at **10,30 A.M,** or at such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of tribunal on **13.08.2024;** to answer the claim.
1. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter appearances before the tribunal either in person or by a pleader/advocate duly Instructed.
2. Take notice that In default of your appearance on the day mentioned here in before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence the application will be determined In your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **6th March, 2024.**

By order of the Tribunal
Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru.

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS, the authorized officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** (Formerly known as Jana Lakshmi Financial Services Limited)., under the Securitization And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act,2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued **demand notices** to the borrower(s)/ Co-borrower (s) calling upon the borrowers to repay the amount mentioned against the respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices, along with future interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., incurred till the date of payment and/ or realisation.

Sr. No.	Loan No.	Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	13(2) Notice Date/Outstanding Due (in Rs.) as on	Date/Time & Type of Possession
1	47039440000014	**1) Mr. Kumar C,** Proprietor of **M/s. Tiles Contract Business, Also at: M/s. Tiles Contract Business, 2) Mrs. Hemavathi H**	**24-01-2024 Rs.3,92,626/-** (Rupees Three Lakh Ninety Two Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Six Only) **due as on 23-01-2024**	**Date: 12-04-2024 Time: 02:30 P.M. Symbolic Possession**
	Description of the Property: Schedule 'A' (Description of the Property): All that piece and parcel of the Residential Building bearing Grama Panchayath Khatha No. I47/142 and E-Khatha No.150300702001600145 measuring East-West: 9.144 Mtrs and North-South: 12.192 Mtrs is situated at Agalakuppe Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and **Bounded as: East:** Site belongs to Gangamma, **West:** Site belongs to Srinivasaiah, **North:** Government Road & **South:** Road.			

Whereas the Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagors, mentioned herein above have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the Borrower's mentioned herein above in particular and to the Public in general that the authorised officer of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** has **taken possession** of the properties/ secured assets described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned above. The Borrower's/Co-Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagors mentioned herein above in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid properties/Secured Assets and any dealings with the said properties/Secured assets will be subject to the charge of **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited.**

Place: Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
Date: 16.04.2024 **For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK
(A scheduled commercial bank)
Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS & DEPOSITS
KORAMANGALA BRANCH
586, 2nd Floor, 80ft Rd, 8th Block,
Near Police Station, Opp. Bethany School
Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
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CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
[proviso to rule 9(1)]

E-Auction SALE NOTICE for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., Koramangala Branch, will be sold by holding E-Auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **07/05/2024,** for recovery of **Rs.35,12,356/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakh Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Six Only) due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **Mr. Ravi T R and Mrs. Kamala K V (Borrowers) and Mr. Ramakrishnaiah (Guarantor),** as on 15/04/2024, together with further interest and other charges thereon.
The reserve price will be **Rs. 80,00,000/-** (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.8,00,000/-** (Rupees Eight Lakhs Only)

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 141, V.P Khatha No.7/172, Spoorthy Layout, Herohalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 45 Feet, North to South 36 Feet totally measuring 1620 Sq.Ft. and Bounded on East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Property No.140, South by : Property No.142.
Encumbrances :Nil

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd.,(www.canfinhomes.com). Please refer to the following link https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx. Link for participating in e-auction: https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Place: Bangalore Sd/-
Date: 15.04.2024 Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

UNION BANK OF INDIA

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Mahalakshmi Layout Branch,
No.13/1, 3rd Cross, Ganesha Block,
Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560086.
Landline: +91 80-23491492, Mobile No: 9321704502, E-mail: ubin0904503@unionbankofindia.bank

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule - 8(1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas the undersigned being the authorized Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Mahalakshmi Layout Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Second) Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **21.12.2023** calling upon the **Borrowers: 1 (a) Kushalappa.C.M** S/o.C.T.Mudaiah **(b).Geetha Kushalappa,** W/o Kushalappa.C.M. Both are Residing at B2-201,2nd Floor, B2 Block, BBMP Khata No.B2-201 Valagarehalli Village, 3rd Phase, Jnanbharathi Layout, Bangalore, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice of **Rs.19,13,210.00/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Only) and interest/Charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **15th day of April 2024.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Union Bank of India, Mahalakshmi Layout Branch,** for an amount **Rs. 19,13,210.00/-** (Rupees Nineteen Lakh Thirteen Thousand Two Hundred and Ten Only) and interest/Charges thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to the borrower to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets:

Schedule A Property: All that piece and parcel of immovable converted land Site no.154/1, carved out of Sy. No.95/1, 107/1, 94/1 94/2 94/3 108/1 and 108/2, Sahyadri Blocks No.1 to 4, Totally measuring 6162 Sq Mtr, situated at layout formed by BDA of Valagerahalli Village, 3rd Phase, Jnanabharathi Layout, Bangalore, and bounded on within the following boundaries: - East by: 80 Ft Road, West by: Road & Apartment Phase-4, 2BHK residential apartments, North by: 60ft Road, South by: Road & Apartment Phase-4, 2BHK residential apartments.
Schedule-B Property: Flat No.B2-201, 2nd Floor, B2 Block, BBMP Khata No.B2-201, having super built up area of 74.06 Sq. mtrs., together with undivided share of 6142/154 = 40.01 Sq. Mtr. In schedule A property situated at layout formed of BDA of Jnanabharathi Layout, Valagerahalli Village, Bangalore.

Date: 15.04.2024 **Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Union Bank of India**

Canara Bank

A Government of India Undertaking
ARM Branch - II, 2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencer Towers, No. 86, MG Road, Bengaluru - 560001
Ph No.: 080-25310099, 080-25310181, E-mail: cb6298@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged /charged to the **Secured Creditor,** the possession of which has been taken by the **Canara Bank, ARM Branch II Bangalore-1** will be sold **on 29.04.2024 "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** basis for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below.

Name of Borrowers and Guarantors	Total Liabilities as per Sale Notice	Description of Immovable Assets	Auction Date & Time	Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposit [EMD] Date & Time	1) Incremental Value at Bid 2) A/c No. & IFSC
1. Mr.Chakali Narayanappa Prop : M/s GRS Enterprises, No.201, Mahalaxmi Residency, 04/04, 6th Cross, Ashok Nagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560050 **2. Mrs.Sujatha Y A** W/o Sri.C Narayanappa, No.201,Mahalaxmi Residency, 04/04, 6th Cross, Ashok Nagar, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bengaluru – 560050 **3. Smt.Lokamatha** w/o Sri.Lakshminarayana, Residing at : No.779, 14th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar West, Bengaluru - 560082 **4. Narayanappa C** S/o Javarappa, Attikuppe Post village, Harohalli, Bengaluru – 562112 **5. M/s G R S Enterprises** 2 1 III Floor, Banki Nawab Street, S P Road, Bengaluru - 560002	**Rs.3,95,99,061.22/-** (Rupees Three crores ninety five lacs ninety nine thousand sixty one and paise twenty two only) including costs and interest as on 08/04/2024 together with future interest, expenses and costs etc till realization.	**Schedule A Property :** All that piece and parcel of Immoveable property Residential Flat bearing No.G-1, Ground Floor, "Mahalakshmi Residency" Apartments, Site No.4/4 (Old No.30), 7th Cross, Ashok Nagar, BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru 560050 totally measuring 1350 sqft and **bounded on the East** by Entrance and Corridor, **West by** open to sky, **South by** Open to Sky and **North by** Flat No.G-2. **Schedule B Property :** An undivided share equivalent to 370 Square Feet in the schedule 'A' property **Schedule C Property (Flat put up for sale) :** A 3 Bedroom Apartment bearing no G-1, Ground Floor, Property No.4/4, Old No.30, PID No.51-45-4/4, 7th Cross, "Mahalakshmi Residency Apartments, Ashok Nagar, BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560050 in the Ground Floor of "G 1"Block in the multi storied building known as "MAHALAKSHMI RESIDENCY" with a super built up area of 1350 square feet(which is inclusive of balconies and a proportionate share in the common areas) with car parking space in stilt floor or basement , constructed on Schedule "A" Property.	**29/04/2024 from 10.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M.**	**Reserve Price:** Rs.93.00 Lakhs **EMD:** Rs. 9,30,000/- **26/04/2024** up to **3.00 PM.**	1) Multiples of Rs.50,000/- 2) A/c No. 209272434 IFSC : CNRB0006298 **Encumbrance (s):** Not Known to the Bank

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Place : Bengaluru **Sd/-**
Date : 12.04.2024 **Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

A 91-yr-old woman from T Bettahalli died at her residence on Monday, a day after voting from home. The woman, Madamma, was bedridden after a brief illness and opted to vote from home. She is survived by six children and grandchildren. The cremation will be held at T Bettahalli

As D-Day nears, PM, Rahul sweat it out in Kerala

Centre had shed light on CM, daughter's corruption: PM; Ra Ga blames Pinarayi for 'sparing Modi' and targeting him

'Kerala govt responsible for its financial rut'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Thrissur/T'Puram

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacts with actor Sobhana during a public meeting in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday

As the clock is ticking for the Lok Sabha polling, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday launched a personal attack on Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, dragging him and his family onto the central stage of electioneering in the state. Addressing election rallies for the BJP candidates in Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram, the prime minister squarely held the state government responsible for the financial rut it is in.

"The chief minister and his daughter are facing allegations of corruption in mineral sand mining. This incident would not have come to light had it not been for the intervention of the Union government," Modi said in Thiruvananthapuram. The state government is accused of trying to save those involved in the gold smuggling case, he added.

The prime minister's statement comes at a time when rumours are rife that Pinarayi's daughter might be summoned by the Enforcement Directorate for questioning in the CMRL pay-off case before the polling. Earlier speaking in Thrissur, the Prime Minister assured the victims of cooperative bank frauds in the state that they will get back their money if his party is voted to power. The perpetrators of the frauds will be sent to jail, he added.

Referring to the Karuvannur scam, Modi alleged that the Left government in the state was innovating new ways for looting the public. "In Karuvannur, CPM leaders looted money from the bank where people belonging to middle and lower middle-class families invested their hard-earned money... money that was saved and deposited at Karuvannur for their daughters' marriage. Several parents could not organize their daughter's marriage due to the scam," he said.

Modi alleged that "for the past three years, Pinarayi has been telling lies about the scam. It was the Modi-led government that recovered Rs 90 crore from the fraudsters." He promised to return the money people deposited in cooperative banks, including Karuvannur.

Kerala's economy is in doldrums due to the corruption by the successive governments. The treasury is empty and the government doesn't have money to pay salaries to its employees. The money given by the Centre to the state's development is fully utilised for loan repayment.

He said the state government suffered a setback in the Supreme Court which clearly said the state government's inefficiency is to be blamed for the financial mess it is in.

'Electoral bonds are the biggest extortion racket'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kozhikode

Rahul Gandhi addresses the crowd at a roadshow in Wayanad on Monday

MOUNTING a strong attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi termed electoral bonds as the "biggest extortion racket on the planet" at a UDF rally on Monday in Kozhikode.

The Congress candidate in Wayanad also took a swipe at Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan for 'sparing Modi' and targeting him instead.

"The prime minister says the electoral bond scheme was designed to bring transparency to India's political system, but the Supreme Court thinks it is illegal," Rahul said.

He alleged that companies that donated to the BJP got contracts worth crores of rupees. "Twenty-two people have as much wealth as 70 crore people in India. This is Modi's gift to India," he added.

Rahul said he was hounded for speaking against the BJP and RSS. "I was interrogated by the ED for 57 hours. I spoke in Parliament, and the BJP got me removed from the House. Later, I was reinstated by the Supreme Court," he added.

He then wondered aloud why the Modi government had not taken such harsh actions against Pinarayi. "When someone attacks the BJP, the party retaliates by sending the CBI, ED.... Why is the BJP not attacking the chief minister of Kerala?

After all, two chief ministers [Hemant Soren and Arvind Kejriwal] are in jail now," he said. "And when the BJP is destroying the Constitution, attacking democracy and dividing the country, why is the chief minister of Kerala attacking me?" he asked.

No poll signs in remote villages bordering Kerala

K SHIVA KUMAR
@ Bavali (Karnataka-Kerala border)

EVEN as Wayanad has drawn national attention with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi locked in a contest with the I.N.D.I.A bloc ally CPI and BJP, it is all quiet and calm in villages along the Karnataka-Kerala border, falling under the Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency.

The lack of poll mood is so evident that in many villages, residents are not even aware of the poll dates. Only a few educated people know that the elections for the Chamarajanagar and Wayanad seats fall on the same day. However, these villagers are aware of poll programmes of Rahul, who is holding a roadshow in his constituency. Posters have appeared all over these villages and party leaders here have told the residents to take part in the event in big numbers.

The mood prevailing in the region was a surprise as TNIE travelled through DB Kuppe, Bavali, Hosahalli, Kader Gadde, Moolehole, Hundre, Anemala and other interior hamlets.

Most villagers here cross the river and borders to work in estates and farms at Katia, Perikallur, Pulpalliy and other places in Kerala. They are more curious about the political battle in the Wayanad than in Chamarajanagar, under which their hamlets fall. Though many residents are familiar with party symbols, they don't know who the candidates are. "I saw a poster of local MLA Anil Chikkamdu. I felt it was because of the election," said Manjula of Hosur.

Ameed of DB Kuppe said they knew the polls were approaching, as a checkpost has come up at Bavali to screen vehicles. The residents have not warmed up to the elections yet and there is total absence of enthusiasm as buntings and posters are missing. But that is not the case in Wayanad, where big cutouts of candidates have come up, said Sameer.

As the worry over drought has reduced with Kalpetta and Sultan Bathery receiving two spells of rain, people are keen to take part in Rahul's roadshow, which will be attended by Priyanka Vadra, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, Karnataka DyCM DK Shivakumar and others.

There are also those who volunteer for parties and make a quick buck who are disappointed as no party or leader has approached them.

Villagers want the authorities and panchayats to spread the word in these parts to see better voter turnout. "While villages around here have seen publicity material displayed by the candidates, why only our villages have been ignored? Voters should at least know who is contesting," asked a voter.

Global leader like Modi has the guts to take right decisions: Jaishankar

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JAISHANKAR told his Iranian counterpart that the crew members from India should be released.

He said there have been some follow up conversations between the Indian Embassy and the Iranian authorities. "I want our embassy people to actually go there and meet these people. That will be my first point of satisfaction. Secondly, I would absolutely press for the people to come back to India as quickly as we can (get them) and my colleague in Tehran was quite responsive," he added.

The minister quipped that 'Modi ki guarantee' is overriding (protection) and is "effective inside and outside the country for all Indians." This, he said, was demonstrated on several occasions; in the rescue operations of Indians, who were stranded abroad during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine war, in Sudan, etc., (Iran on Monday stated that it will permit Indian authorities to meet the 17 crew members following the conversation between Jaishankar and Iran's Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian.)

On the question of growing global instability because of the prolonged Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Palestine wars, and the latest offensive by Iran against Israel, Jaishankar admitted that the "coming years are going to be extremely difficult for the world" and added that it is "important to strengthen the hands of a strong global leader like Modi. He has the guts to make the right decisions."

On the safety of Indian students abroad, with some of them reportedly dying under mysterious circumstances, he said such incidents are a big concern for the government and are being analysed by the Indian embassies.

"To every Indian going out, you have Modi's guarantee. Student welfare is particularly important for us," he said and pointed out that all Indian embassies have been asked to keep a closer watch on students and brief them on personal safety.

'TDP did nothing, Jagan ensured development'

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"Had she joined the Congress two years ago, it could have been different. She joined it just before the elections and the party is weak in Kadapa at present," opined K Venkatarami Reddy, a 49-year-old rice trader in Kadapa town. M Srinivasulu, a 45-year-old hotelier in Kadapa, opined that the TDP did nothing for the district, adding development happened during YSR and Jagan's rule.

That Jagan supports the accused in the murder of Vivekananda Reddy is a point of resentment. "However, people would only see who developed the region and not other issues," he said. "Avinash is only an accused, not a culprit.

The law will take its course," said K Nataraju, mandi merchant in Yerramukkalapalle of Kadapa. Most of Sharmila's speeches revolve around two issues - Avinash getting the YSR Congress ticket despite being an accused in an five-year-old murder case, and criticism of Jagan's rule. To try and strike a chord with the voters, Sharmila spreads her saree's pallu to seek the mandate.

"Lack of progress in solving the murder case will have an impact on the elections and benefit the Congress," claims Bhupesh Reddy, nephew of former minister C Adinarayana Reddy, who crossed over to the BJP.

The TDP hopes to benefit from the vote split for the YS family. "Anti-incumbency combined with an attractive manifesto of the TDP and its allies is an advantage. People want change, as the constituency has been under a single family for three decades," Subbarami Reddy said.

Caught in legal tangle in Saudi, Bhatkal youth seeks govt's help

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S
@ Bhatkal (Uttara Kannada)

A 28-year-old resident of Beli village in Bhatkal in Uttara Kannada district is appealing for help from the Indian government after he got entangled in a legal battle after he met with an accident at Tayma village, 830 km from Jeddah city in Saudi Arabia

Mohammed Khalid came to Saudi Arabia in 2016 to work as a driver. After working for two years for a businessman, he met with an accident as the vehicle he was driving collided with another vehicle coming from the opposite direction. The drivers of both the cars suffered minor injuries and the matter reached the court after the driver of the other vehicle Mohammed Salama Hamad Al Anzi, a Saudi national, lodged a complaint.

A Saudi court, which heard the matter, has imposed a hefty fine of 34,500 riyals (approximately Rs 7 lakh). "The court order and his inability to pay up has left him jobless in Saudi, where he is left to fend for himself," said Shayista, Khalid's aunt. Speaking to TNIE, Khalid said that he now does small jobs to make a living. "I requested the complainant to withdraw the case but he has been refusing," he said.

Khalid went to Saudi Arabia eight years ago. "The accident happened five years ago when Khalid was travelling with his sponsor. Although the injuries were minor, Khalid was fined by the court," said Taslima Bhanu, his mother. According to her, Khalid's father is mute and his brother is now a college dropout. "He is now working to feed the family here," she said. After the accident, he is no longer employed by his sponsor.

CVoter survey predicts 23 seats for NDA, 5 for Cong in Karnataka

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

CVoter's pre-poll survey has predicted 21 seats for BJP, two for its alliance partner Janata Dal Secular (JDS) and five for Congress in the Lok Sabha elections in Karnataka.

While BJP leaders in the state rejoiced over this prediction, those from Congress rejected it. "This only proves that there is a Modi wave in the state. Our alliance with JDS has doubled our strength in Karnataka. Our expectation, however, is 28 of 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state," Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R Ashoka told *TNIE*.

Former AICC general secretary and MLC BK Hariprasad said, "We should be cautious about the pre-poll surveys because on many occasions, they tend to favour the agency that hires them."

KPCC working president and chief whip in the Legislative Council Saleem Ahmed said, "How can we believe this survey? If we go by the CVoter survey during the Assembly elections in the state in 2023, it gave BJP between 83 and 95 seats. But BJP bagged only 66 seats. In the same survey, it gave Congress 110-112 seats. But Congress secured 135 seats. Last time, its prediction did not come true. This time also, it will fail. Congress will win 20 of the 28 Lok Sabha seats in Karnataka."

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda refused to comment on this survey report.

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R Ashoka, Opposition leader

PM says people's anger against DMK will help BJP in LS polls in TN

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

A day after unveiling the BJP's Lok Sabha election manifesto, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took aim at the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) in an interview on Monday, saying Tamil voters' resentment against the DMK will help the saffron camp in the upcoming elections.

"Five generations of our party have been working in south India and the works are continuing. When the people of the state were disappointed with the Congress, they turned to regional parties. And now, the people are disappointed with these parties," he told ANI in the interview.

Amid this disappointment, Modi said the people of the state took note of the BJP model of government at the Centre and in the BJP-ruled states. "The Tamils who live across India went to their home and said this is happening in the state where we live. Naturally, people started comparing," Modi said.

He said the DMK used "to make fun of us calling *Panipuri-wallah*". "But when the people of Tamil Nadu came and saw Kashi, they said this is not what they used to hear. There is a lot of progress. And because of that, anger against the DMK has increased," he said.

Attacking the Congress, Modi said, "there are parties that have the mission: of the family, by the family and for the family".

Had party state president Annamalai gone to the DMK, he would have become a big name, Modi said. "But he did not go there and instead joined the BJP. The people there think if Annamalai has joined the BJP, it is because he believes in the party's ideology. So it has become a source of attraction. Our party gives opportunity to every small and big worker who is capable," Modi said.

EXPRESS READ

'Provide relief to ryots'

Bengaluru: Farmer leaders have urged Karnataka Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goel to direct the officials to provide relief to farmers in distress owing to severe drought. A delegation of farmer leaders led by Kuruburu Shantakumar met Geol and explained the drinking water and fodder shortage in many districts, including Belagavi and Bagalkot. They requested Goel to take it up with Maharashtra government and release water into Krishna river. Power shortage is resulting in water crisis in rural areas, and local officials are not attending to the problems, stating they were on election duty, the farmers said.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy who resumes his yatra after Saturday's attack receives overwhelming response from the crowd

Jagan resumes his yatra after Saturday's attack

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Vijayawada

CHIEF Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Monday said the attack on him on Saturday has only increased his resolve to serve the people. "Such attacks would not shake me. On the contrary, they only strengthen my commitment to you," he asserted.

Unidentified youths attacked Jagan while he was on his State-wide Memanta Siddham bus yatra, by throwing a stone at him in Vijayawada. He suffered an injury on his forehead and took rest on Sunday on the advice of doctors.

Jagan resumed his yatra from Kesarapally on the outskirts of the city after meeting a host of party leaders who met him at the campsite.

Responding to the attack on him for the first time at a public meeting at Gudivada, he said: "(Opposition leader) Chandrababu Naidu, his foster son (referring to Pawan Kalyan), the BJP and the Congress are attacking me despite the fact that I have done my best for the welfare of the people. Shooting one arrow at Arjuna does not mean that the Kauravas have won. Throwing a single stone at me will not stop me or shake my resolve to serve you," Jagan declared.

He said it was unfortunate that the Opposition alliance had stooped to the level of targeting him personally. "This shows that we are close to victory," Jagan said.

SUV hits bike, carries body on roof for 18 km

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Anantapur

IN a shocking incident, an SUV reportedly hit a man and carried his body on its roof for at least 18 km in Anantapur district late Sunday night. The driver of the SUV drove with the body on the vehicle till passersby raised an alarm.

According to Atmakur SI Muneer Ahmed, the victim, identified as J Erraswamy of Cholasamudram village in Kuderu mandal, visited his in-law's house on Sunday and was returning home on his two-wheeler when a speeding Innova vehicle coming in the opposite direction reportedly hit his bike.

With the impact of the collision, Erraswamy flung into the air and fell on the vehicle top. However, the SUV driver did not stop and continued to travel for another 18 km. When the vehicle reached Hanimireddi Palli in Beluguppa mandal, passersby and other vehicle drivers alerted the SUV driver about the body on his vehicle.

The driver stopped the vehicle on the roadside and fled from the spot. Police shifted the body to a government hospital for postmortem. Erraswamy is survived by a wife and two children. Based on the registration number, police called the Bengaluru-based owner of the SUV, who claimed that he had sold the vehicle three days back to another person. "We are trying to trace the person who is said to have purchased the vehicle," the SI said.

People are fed up of the Congress and want our alliance to win. It was very special that our former PM and respected statesman H D Deve Gowda ji came for rally and shared his thoughts

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

- Says BJP programmes are national in outreach, unlike competitive populism of Cong
- 'When individuals lose polls they say there is something wrong with EC, ED and CBI'

BJP optimistic of making inroads in S India: EAM

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE BJP is "genuinely optimistic" about making inroads in South India, External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar said on Monday.

"There is a huge response that Prime Minister Modi is getting in Karnataka. We have a good hold in Telangana, and we are also getting a good response in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Like the rest of the country, these states have also seen our record performance and delivery (of promises) in the last 10 years," Jaishankar told the media.

He added that the BJP has released a great Sankalp Patra (manifesto), which is a strong document of the party's performance in the last 10 years. It is also a map for the coming five years and the pathway for the next 25 years under the PM's vision of 'Viksit Bharat, he added.

He underscored the importance of Bengaluru in making India the global hub of electronics, defence equipment, semiconductors, etc. When questioned about the (Modi) guarantees, Jaishankar said, "Our programme has been carefully evaluated and is national in outreach, unlike the competitive populism (the five guarantees by the Congress government) that one sees in Karnataka. Competitive populism is making promises when you know you can't deliver them."

On the issue of drought relief to Karnataka by the Centre, he accused the Congress government of "misrepresenting facts" and said, "The responsibility for drought relief is with the State Drought Relief Fund. There is a Central component, and it was already given. Over and above such a relief, the NDRF can consider giving additional resources after evaluating circumstances and approval of the Election Commission."

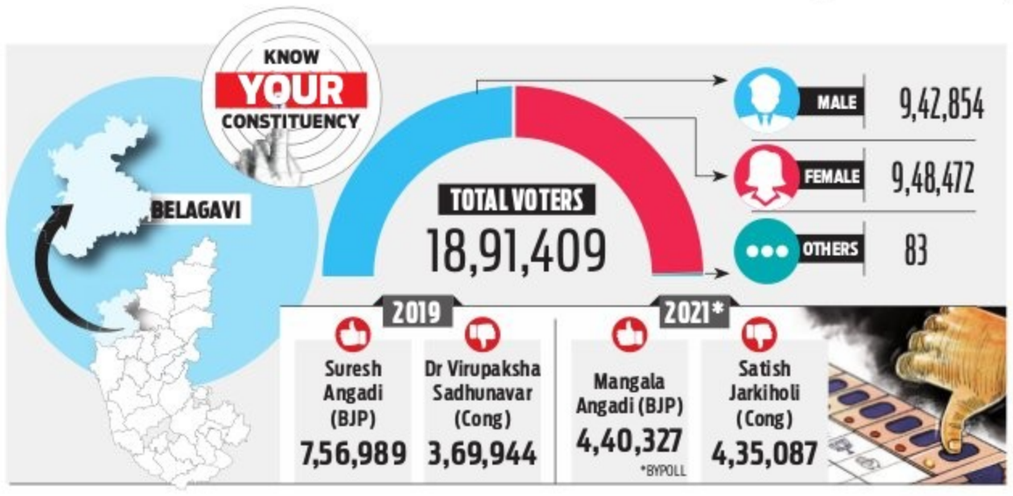
On the proposed US consulate in Bengaluru, Jaishankar said that he is "tracking" the process.

There is a huge response that PM Modi is getting in Karnataka. We have a good hold in Telangana, and we are also getting a good response in TN & Kerala - **Dr S Jaishankar, EAM**

(Right) External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar and LoP in Assembly R Ashoka address a press conference in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

WE SHOULD HANDLE THE ISSUE AS NEIGHBOURS, EAM ON MALDIVES

"Neither they (Maldives) nor us (India) can wish each other away at the end of the day. We are neighbours. Sometimes neighbours become an issue in politics. We should have the patience and maturity to see that through. I am convinced that a more positive collaborative instinct will assert itself," said External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. He was interacting with chartered accountants, CEOs, scientists, architects and retired bureaucrats at a programme organised by Karnataka BJP Media Cell and Economic Cell here on Monday. Jaishankar was responding to a question on a Maldivian tourism body planning to do roadshows in India to woo back Indian tourists, whose numbers have declined. "Neither of us is in a position to find ourselves a new geographical location, we are going to be neighbours forever. We should handle the issue with a certain degree of deafness. We need not respond to every provocation," he remarked. "In the last many years, George Soros (Hungarian-American billionaire hedge fund manager and philanthropist) has spent money on many NGOs to disparage countries and bring forward his ideology. Can we have a set of NGOs and think-tanks to counter them with data?" former Infosys Chief Finance Officer T V Mohandas Pai asked Jaishankar. "India has started challenging a lot of ratings and reports that influence the sense of stability in India. They are doing real harm to the country," Jaishankar replied. "If somebody bothers to go through it, you will find names of people who have been consulted and you'd be amazed how many reports are produced about India and how the same set of people is consulted - complete coincidence."



'Outsider' Shettar aims to trounce Congress in Hebbalkar stronghold

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

WITH stage set for a head-to-head contest between Mrinal Hebbalkar (Congress) and Jagadish Shettar (BJP) in Belagavi Lok Sabha constituency, both their families are girding their loins for a high-stake cliff-hanger on the cards.

Once a constituency which often changed the course of state's politics, Belagavi has lost its sheen with family politics unexpectedly mobilising people's support in recent times. Key issues like development, state and national affairs, policies, infrastructure, etc., have taken a backseat. Of the eight Assembly segments, five were won by the Congress in the 2023 Assembly polls and the remaining by the BJP.

Jagadish Shettar, a six-time MLA and former CM, is taking on a minnow in politics, Mrinal Hebbalkar, 31-year-old son of Women and Child Development Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar. Both hail from the dominant Lingayat community.

His experience as CM, LoP, head of state BJP besides the caste makes the case of Shettar stronger in the fray. As to why BJP has chosen Shettar is because the segment has been a bastion of the BJP since early 2000s and the Angadi family won all the last five elections. Angadi's daughter is Shettar's daughter-in-law.

A section of BJP in Belagavi is upset over the party fielding Shettar, an "outsider", who hails from Hubballi. However, Shettar told *TNIE* that the people and party leaders have accepted him in Belagavi and that the Modi factor will be a key issue in the polls.

On the other hand, a high voltage campaign of Mrinal in many parts of Belagavi has

Jagadish Shettar | Mrinal Hebbalkar

helped him gauge his popularity. As Mrinal is a debutant, his mother Laxmi Hebbalkar is spearheading the campaign. Her astute handling of the campaigns have helped her emerge as MLA twice and install her brother as MLC in recent times. "A win will take her (Laxmi Hebbalkar) to new heights in state politics and a loss will put her political career in the doldrums," say political observers.

"Hebbalkar's victory may also curtail the attempts of Jarkiholi brothers to gain a solid control over Belagavi politics. The woman is a giant killer but the Gokak brothers may go to extremes to safeguard their political ambitions," observers feel.

Both Shettar and Mrinal are singularly trying to bolster their campaigns and their party and activists are not involved so actively. With both the parties involved in family politics, Laxmi Hebbalkar is in the forefront and not Mrinal or the other top leaders of the party in all the ongoing campaigns while Shettar himself is handling the campaign from the front with rebellion brewing in the party. "The dominant Lingayat community, a supporter of the BJP traditionally, is seemingly divided between the two Lingayat candidates. The MES which bagged a sizable 1.17 lakh votes in the LS bypolls in 2021 in Belagavi has fielded a meek candidate, Mahadev Patil, which may prevent the votes of BJP from going to MES. Given the ground situation today, both the candidates should cross 5 lakh votes each and one of them will win or lose by 20,000 to 30,000 votes," say a political expert.

When asked whether he would win the election, Shettar told TNIE that the entire country wants PM Narendra Modi to be at the helm of affairs for another decade and the people of Belagavi would vote for him. "I also have contributed a lot for the development of the Belagavi region as CM and leader of BJP over the years," he added.

Laxmi Hebbalkar is confident of her son winning. She feels the Congress government's performance and the guarantees which improved lives of people should come in handy for her. With a drastic development that took place in her Belagavi rural assembly segment, she said, her son would continue doing the same as an MP if he won.

In an ongoing cold war between the influential political families of Laxmi Hebbalkar and the Jarkiholi brothers to gain control over political affairs of Belagavi, Laxmi got her brother elected as MLC recently and is now keen on having son Mrinal as MP. The Jarkiholi brothers (two BJP MLAs, one Independent MLC, one Cong MLA) may work in tandem to ensure defeat of Mrinal.

The BJP wants a firm control on Belagavi seat by continuing its winning streak. It largely depends on the 'Modi factor' and the dominant Lingayat community.

'What about when other CJIs joined politics...'

PURAN CHOUDHARY @ Bengaluru

GIVING it back to the critics questioning the falling ranks on India's Freedom of Press Index and the country's democracy index, Minister for External Affairs S Jaishankar on Monday slammed that when so many other judiciary members over the years held legislative positions it wasn't seen as a threat to democracy, however, now it has become a point of contest.

"Today there are many narratives, most of which are politically driven, some of them are country-driven and some people are finding it hard to get used to the idea that this India is different. This is not the same India that will listen to them. That is the problem," Jaishankar said. He added that his response to such statements is "when people push you, you push back."

He was speaking at the National Institute of Advanced Studies at the Indian Institute of Science about India's journey towards Vikshit Bharat and its foreign policy.

Justifying that this is not the first time individuals in the judiciary or Election Commission have opted for a political career, Jaishankar highlighted, "Some time ago we had a former Chief Justice of India, Rajan Gogoi, join the Rajya Sabha. This was portrayed as though it had some implications for judicial independence. However, the fact is that other former CJIs – Ranganath Mishra and Baharul Islam did the same and it was not considered as a threat to democracy."

When individuals start losing elections they say there is something wrong with the Election Commission, ED and CBI, he said.

He added that there are also reports that the ECI is not as impartial as it used to be. Facts, however, show that we had a former Chief Election Commissioner MS Gill who joined a political party and also became a minister.

The minister also extensively spoke about how the sunrise sectors such as artificial intelligence, telecom, semiconductors and the electric vehicle market will help the country scale at a faster pace and reach the $30 trillion economy mark.

DK cannot afford to vote for Cong, says PM after Mangaluru roadshow

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mangaluru

AFTER a massive roadshow in Mangaluru on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took to 'X' stating that his government will work on the agenda of development and take the work done in the last few years ahead.

He also said Dakshina Kannada cannot afford to vote for the Congress accusing it of being immersed in vote bank politics and dividing people.

In a series of posts, he thanked people for a huge turnup at his roadshow. "In the recent past, I have inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for key works that will boost the quality of life here. This includes the Kochi-Mangaluru pipeline. The airport, railway station and port related infra-

structure are going to be modernised even further in the times to come," he said.

Stating that this part of Karnataka and BJP have a very strong bond, he said, "People have blessed our party for years, as they relate to our ideology of good governance and our efforts in preserving as well as celebrating our ancient culture."

Speaking of his agenda for the region in his next term, Modi said, "In our third term, there is even more work to be done in improving aspects relating to futuristic education and even better healthcare in the region. We want to work on the Blue Revolution so that fisheries receive a boost." Further, he said that his government in the coming term would work on improving tourism.

He said the party's manifesto gave importance to sectors like fisheries which will transform coastal economy.

"The Congress government in Karnataka is busy in factionalism, looting public money and stalling development works. They also have no understanding of Karnataka's culture," he said.

IN DRIVER'S SEAT?

Incumbent Udupi-Chikkamagaluru MP and BJP's Bangalore North candidate, Shobha Karandlaje, poses in an autorickshaw after flagging off a campaign in Bengaluru on Monday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

BJP will take action against KSE: Vijayendra

ENS @ Holenarasipur

EXPRESSING displeasure over former DyCM KS Eshwarappa contesting as a BJP rebel in Shivamogga, state party president BY Vijayendra has said that the party will take suitable action against the former minister. Vijayendra was speaking during a campaign organised to garner votes for NDA candidate Prajwal Revanna.

He said Eshwarappa decided to enter the fray despite the request by BJP senior leaders to withdraw his papers.

He said that Eshwarappa's alleged remarks against the party and the BS Yediyurappa family would help the BJP candidate and incumbent MP BY Raghavendra. He also said that the people of Shivamogga will teach Eshwarappa a lesson. Vijayendra said that he will also request Dingaleshwara Swamiji to support Prahalad Joshi in Dharwad.

RSS leaders supporting my candidature: Eshwarappa

Eshwarappa said leaders in the Sangh Parivar are supporting his candidature. He alleged that former CM BS Yediyurappa promised to make me a governor and my son Kanthesh an MP. But these are all a series of lies, he added. "Yediyurappa was not interested in seeing me work for the party and made his son BY Vijayendra party state president. I am fighting to clean up the party," he said.

KARNATAKA STANDS FIFTH IN RECOVERY OF CASH

SEIZURES AS PER CEO OFFICE AS ON APRIL 14

ITEMS	QTY	WORTH
Cash	NA	₹48.66 cr
Liquor	142.32 ltrs	₹158.94 cr
Drugs	450.83 kg	₹10.22 cr
Gold	107.4 kg	₹56.86 cr
Silver	296.79 kg	₹1.13 cr
Diamonds	4.23 ct	₹0.09 cr
Freebies	NA	₹7.74 cr
Others	NA	₹72.13 cr
Total		₹355.78 cr

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

WITH just 11 days to go for polls in Phase 2 elections in Karnataka, large amounts of money seem to be flowing in the state, going by the seizures made. Karnataka is among the states that have recorded the highest amount of cash being recovered.

As per information shared by the Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday, Rs 2,81,43,28,440 has been seized in the state between March 1 and April 13.

However, officials in the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), Karrn/ataka, said ECI has made a technical error and clarified that the seizures made from March 16 (from the announcement of the model code of conduct) till April 14, the amount seized is Rs 355.78 crore in Karnataka.

During the 2023 Assembly elections, the total seizures were Rs 384 crore, while ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, it was Rs 88 crore.

Among the states where highest seizures have been made, Karnataka stands fifth, after Rajasthan, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu and Punjab.

On the technical error, CEO's office said, "We have taken note of it and are writing to the ECI for the changes to be made. There is a technical error while uploading the information on the Election Seizure Management System (ESMS) portal."

Karnataka stands first in the amount of liquor seized. In all, 1,30,52,708.14 litres worth Rs 1,24,33,80,670 has been seized. But as per CEO data, 142.32 lakh litres worth Rs 158.94 crore has been seized so far.

The official pointed out that liquor seizure is high due to different reasons, including lack of transport permission, expiry of licence, non updation of ledger records or difference in the quantity loaded and what was shown in records.

"It has been noticed that there is a rise in seizures of liquor, drugs and gold in this election. The teams are working round the clock, in three shifts, of eight hours each. We are also working to draw in additional forces as campaigning for Phase-2 elections is yet to intensify and is yet to start for Phase-3 elections. Special teams from other states and paramilitary teams are also being brought in," the official added.

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Poll officials

The Congress will end in just one stroke. Mahatma Gandhi had said after Independence that the Congress should be dissolved, but it did not happen. The Congress has been removing poverty from the country for 65 years

Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union minister and BJP leader

The party has not announced its candidate for the seat, which covers five districts of Kashmir and Jammu regions

BJP's Anantnag-Rajouri guessing game

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE BJP is keeping everybody guessing by not announcing its candidate for the high-stake Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Apni Party of influential businessman Altaf Bukhari has written to J&K's Chief Electoral Officer seeking the postponement of polls in the parliamentary seat due to poor road connectivity.

The newly carved Anantnag-Rajouri constituency is stretched up to cover the Kashmir and Jammu region. Voting is due in the seat on May 7.

Speculation is that the BJP may field J&K BJP chief Ravindra Raina from the seat, which covers five districts of Kashmir and Jammu regions.

Of the total 19,25,450 voters of Anantnag-Rajouri LS seat, around 11 lakh votes are in South Kashmir (Anantnag and Kulgam) while twin border districts of Jammu province Rajouri and Poonch districts have over 8 lakh voters.

BJP sources said besides Raina, the party was also considering fielding a serving IAS officer from the Anantnag seat. "However, it is now most unlikely that the IAS officer would be asked to join politics and contest from the LS seat," they said. Sources said the BJP will take the ground situation into consideration before taking a final call on its candidate.

PDP chief and former CM Mehbooba Mufti, DPAP chief and another former CM Ghulam Nabi Azad, NC's Gujjar leader Mian Altaf Ahmed and Apni Party's Zafar Iqbal Manhas will fight from the seat.

The Poonch and Rajouri districts of the seat have sizable tribal population including the Gujjars, Bakerwals and Paharis. The Centre recently announced ST reservation for the Paharis and three other communities. This has led to Pahari leaders assuring the BJP of their community's support.

The BJP is eyeing the Anantnag seat to make inroads into Muslims-dominated Valley as the party is hopeful of reaping benefits of granting political reservation to STs, including the Paharis and three other communities in the ST list.

With BJP delaying nomination, J&K Apni Party has written to the UT's Chief Electoral Officer seeking postponement of LS polls in the Anantnag-Rajouri seat after the closure of Mughal Road, which links Kashmir with the border districts of Poonch and Rajouri.

"Due to frequent closure of Mughal Road, political workers and party leaders will face difficulty in commuting. The nomination papers are to be submitted in Anantnag. In such a situation, workers of Rajouri-Poonch will have to face huge difficulties in reaching Anantnag. Due to poor road connectivity, candidates will not be able to reach the people for campaigning," reads the letter.

Recently, BJP's Kashmir in charge Tarun Chugh held a meeting with Apni Party president Altaf Bukhari and Peoples Conference chairperson Sajjad Lone in Srinagar at the former's residence. Lone has announced his candidature from the Baramulla seat and Apni Party has named Ashraf Mir for Srinagar and Zaffar Manhas for Anantnag-Rajouri.

So far, the BJP has not made it clear whether it will contest the polls in Kashmir or support other candidates.

BJP state spokesperson Altaf Thakur said that party would announce its candidates for Srinagar and Anantnag seats soon. He, however, refused to give out any probable names.

MAJOR CONTESTANTS IN FRAY

Mehbooba Mufti, PDP

Ghulam Nabi Azad, DPAP

Zaffar Manhas, Apni Party

Mian Altaf Ahmad, National Conference

POLL DATES
- Last date to submit nominations: **April 19**
- Scrutiny of nominations: **April 20**
- Last date for withdrawal of candidature: **April 22**
- Date of polls: **May 7**

2,338 POLLING STATIONS

19 LAKH VOTERS IN THE CONSTITUENCY

CONSTITUENCY WATCH

Following the delimitation exercise undertaken after Jammu and Kashmir reorganisation, Anantnag-Rajouri Lok Sabha seat was carved out by combining Anantnag and Kulgam districts from the erstwhile South Kashmir constituency and Rajouri and Poonch districts of Jammu Lok Sabha seats. Five districts now constitute the Anantnag-Rajouri parliamentary seat

Total 18 Assembly Constituencies
- Anantang 7 ACs
- Kulgam 3 ACs
- Shopian's Zainapora 1 ACs
- Rajouri 4 ACs
- Poonch 3 ACs

Lalu rhetoric is back, takes a jibe at BJP with Constitution remark

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

RASHTRIYA Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad launched a blistering attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP, accusing the saffron party of hatching a conspiracy to change the Constitution of the country.

He asserted that BJP is apprehensive of losing in the ongoing Lok Sabha polls and is resorting to demoralisation tactics by claiming '400 plus' seats in the ongoing Lok Sabha election.

"Janata samvidhan badalne wale ki aankh nikal legi (The poor, Dalits and backward communities will gouge out the eyes of whoever tries to change the Constitution)," he said, while referring to a BJP MP's remarks to change the Constitution.

He said that the BJP wanted to bring dictatorship in the country, and that is why they would change the Constitution. He, however, hastened to add that people would not allow it to do so.

The RJD leader said that people will not forgive BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for their attempts to change the Constitution crafted by Dr Baba Saheb Bhim Rao Ambedkar.

He claimed that RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat was given a befitting reply by people to his remarks on review of the reservation policy. "The BJP and PM Modi should also remember this," he added.

Reacting to Lalu's statement, deputy chief minister and state BJP president Samrat Choudhary asked why Lalu is making a fuss after 10 years. He has been declared an 'offender' by the court of law and has no moral right to make any remarks against BJP and PM Modi.

"Lalu was made CM of Bihar by the good grace of BJP. He had no support to become the CM, but it was BJP that had lent its support to pave the way for becoming the CM," he added.

UTTAR PRADESH

Yogi's new slogan: '80 banega aadhaar, NDA 400 paar...'

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, who led the ruling party's campaign in neighbouring Bihar, unveiled a new slogan while explaining the BJP's manifesto in the state capital on Monday: "80 banega aadhaar, NDA 400 paar, phir ek baar Modi sarkar." 80 refers to the number of LS seats in Uttar Pradesh.

The BJP's star campaigner also launched a scathing attack on the Congress and Rashtriya Janata Dal in Aurangabad and Nawada, appealing to the people to reject nepotism and caste-based politics.

Addressing the media at the BJP office, Yogi called the BJP manifesto Modi's guarantee. "It reaffirms our dedication to building a developed India while reinforcing our firm stance against corruption," he said.

Yogi said the first four copies of the BJP manifesto — released on the birth anniversary of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar, the architect of the Constitution — were to represent the four social pillars of the country, which are the poor (Garib), youth (Yuva), farmers (Annadata), and women (Nari).

He added that the BJP was more than just a political entity, embodying the aspirations of 140 crore people with a commitment to realising India's vision on a mission mode. "The aspirations of the nation today align with PM Modi's vision, which guides our mission. The country places its trust in Modi's Guarantee," he remarked.

Yogi said the BJP's manifesto served as the blueprint for a new, great, self-reliant and developed India. "Besides declaring a resolute war on corruption, it reaffirms the commitment to elevate India from Antyodaya to Sarvodaya and position it as a global leader," he added.

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Yogi Adityanath, UP Chief Minister

Four social pillars

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IN PURSUIT OF PEACE

Bollywood actor and BJP candidate Kangana Ranaut seeks blessings of the Dalai Lama in Dharamshala on Monday | PTI

ELECTION2024

Chandigarh Cong leaders resign

Several Chandigarh Congress leaders, including Mahila Congress chief, resigned from their respective posts over the "disrespect" shown to former Union minister Pawan Kumar Bansal allegedly by PCC chief HS Lucky. Tewari and Bansal were contenders for the seat, but the party chose Tewari.

Pralhad Joshi has assets worth ₹21cr

BJP leader and Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has declared assets worth over `21 crore in his affidavit for the Lok Sabha election. Joshi declared movable assets worth `2.72 crore in his name, `5.93 crore in his wife Jyoti's name, and `32.03 lakh in their dependent daughter Ananya Joshi's name.

Cong leader an Independent in Sangli

Congress politician Vishal Patil, the grandson of former Maharashtra chief minister late Vasantdada Patil, who was eyeing a party ticket from the Sangli constituency, on Monday filed his nomination as an Independent candidate. The Congress, a constituent of the Maha Vikas Aghadi, had staked a claim over Sangli, but the seat was allotted to the Shiv Sena (UBT) as per the seat-sharing formula.

J'khand Maoist hotbed to vote for first time in 3 decades

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

ONCE a Maoist stronghold, 760-odd voters of 'Hesatu' village located in 'Budha Pahar' region, comprising Palamu and Chatra Lok Sabha constituencies, will vote for the first time in their own village after more than three decades.

Interestingly, most of the villagers have got to see their voter ID cards for the first time.

Earlier, polling booths at the village were relocated to a distance due to security reasons, but after more than three decades, the district administration has decided not to relocate it, on the request of locals.

Despite the claims of Jharkhand police that Budha Pahar has been freed from Maoists, four of the five polling stations, except Hesatu, will be shifted to safer locations.

Officials, however, claimed that Budha Pahar has been made absolutely free from all kinds of Maoist activities, due to which the people are quite excited and will vote fearlessly.

"Hesatu is a polling station in Budha Pahar area, which was being relocated for the last three decades due to security reasons, but this time, on people's insistence, it was decided not to relocate the polling station so that 760 voters could exercise their franchise fearlessly in their village itself," said Garhwa DC Shekhar Jamuar.

Despite logistic problems, the district administration is making all-out efforts for uninterrupted voting, he added.

According to Jamuar, the decision preceded several meetings with the villagers. District administrative and senior security officials are also encouraging the villagers to participate actively in the democratic process, he said.

Locals informed that the voter IDs of the villagers in Jhaludera, Baheratoli, Tisiya and Navatoli, located atop Budha Pahar, were made for the first time, whereas voting will be held for the first time in the areas of Kulhi, Hesatu and Navatoli.

They said the atmosphere has definitely changed for the better in the last three decades. "We have to cross jungles and hillocks to exercise our franchise. Therefore, arrangements must be made to ensure voting facilities in their own villages," said a local requesting anonymity.

Spread across a 3 km radius with nearly 130 households, Hesatu is located 25 km away from sub-district headquarters Bhandaria and 93 km away from district headquarters in Garhwa.

Earlier, voters were also reluctant to vote due to the dominance of Maoists, but this time the people are quite excited.

Notably, Budha Pahar, spread over a 55 sq km area, was freed from Maoists' control on October 23, 2023, after 33 years following three coordinated operations by the security forces since April 2022.

CASH, LIQUOR & DRUGS WORTH ₹4.6K CR

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE Election Commission of India (ECI) on Monday said that authorities under its supervision have made record seizures worth ₹4,650 crore, including drugs worth ₹2,069 crore, in the run-up to the Lok Sabha polls.

Rajasthan and Gujarat have emerged the top two states with confiscation of various inducements worth ₹778.52 crore and ₹605.33 crore respectively.

The EC also informed that the seizures made between March 1 and April 13 exceeded the value of confiscations made during 2019 Lok Sabha polls. Over ₹3,475 crore seizures were made during the previous polls. The confiscations made this year is the highest in the 75-year history of national elections in the country.

The seven-phased Lok Sabha polls were announced on March 16. The first phase is on April 19 and the last one on June 1. Interestingly, the poll panel also claimed that authorities have been taking proactive measures and making seizures worth ₹100 crore every day since March 1.

In an official statement, the ECI said, "The enforcement agencies have made a record seizure of over ₹4,650 crore in its resolute fight against money power even before the first phase of polling for the 18th Lok Sabha elections commences on Friday."

It is significant to note here that 45 per cent of the seizures are of drugs and narcotics (₹2,068.10 crore), that are under the special focus of the commission. The poll panel revealed that the seizures have been possible by comprehensive planning, scaled up collaboration and unified deterrence action from agencies, proactive citizen participation and optimal engagement of technology.

The enhanced seizures reflect Election Commission's unwavering commitment to monitor inducements and curb electoral malpractices for a 'level playing field', particularly in favour of smaller and less resourceful parties, said ECI joint director Anuj Chandak in the statement.

ITEMS SEIZED

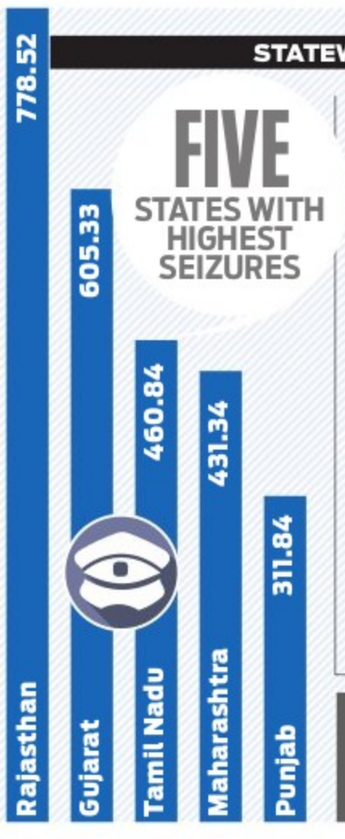
CASH ₹395.39cr

LIQUOR ₹489.31cr

DRUGS ₹2,068.8cr

PRECIOUS METALS ₹562.10 cr

FREEBIES/OTHER ITEMS ₹1,142.49 cr



STATEWISE DATA OF ELECTION-TIME CONFISCATIONS

FIVE STATES WITH HIGHEST SEIZURES

Andaman & Nicobar	2.31	Kerala	53.35
Andhra Pradesh	125.97	Lakshadweep	00.07
Arunachal Pradesh	13.52	Madhya Pradesh	112.27
Assam	141.12	Manipur	44.30
Bihar	155.76	Meghalaya	35.38
Chandigarh	4.48	Mizoram	46.90
Chhattisgarh	59.47	Nagaland	8.19
Delhi	236.06	Odisha	107.13
Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu	0.60	Puducherry	0.01
Goa	26.18	Sikkim	0.43
Haryana	17.91	Telangana	121.84
Himachal Pradesh	7.91	Tripura	23.48
Jammu & Kashmir	4.28	Uttar Pradesh	145.76
Jharkhand	51.83	Uttarakhand	22.54
Karnataka	281.3	West Bengal	219.60

(All amounts in Rs crore)

In Tamil Nadu's Nilgiris, EC suspended the flying squad leader for selective checking of the cavalcade of a prominent leader. Similarly, officials checked the convoy of a CM in one state and a Deputy CM in another. Action was taken against 106 government servants, who have been found assisting politicians in campaigns

EDITORIAL

"The more hopeless the world in the artist's version, the more clearly perhaps must we see the ideal that stands in opposition" — Andrei Tarkovsky

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— Ramnath Goenka

NEXT GOVT WILL NEED A RETHINK ON JOB CREATION

DESPITE the BJP's confidence in coming back to power with an even bigger mandate, the INDIA bloc is not letting the ruling coalition have a stroll to that goal. The opposition parties have made joblessness a big electoral issue, which the ruling party is not able to easily ward off. The Congress manifesto offered a detailed plan to improve the employment situation in the country. In comparison, the BJP, which released its manifesto this Sunday, has put out fewer specifics on job creation. While the Congress's focus is on filling 30 lakh government vacancies, the BJP has shied away from making any such announcement. The Congress has talked about jobs through small and medium enterprises, employment-linked incentives, and the launch of mining schemes with projected new jobs for 1.5 crore people. The BJP, on the other hand, has mostly promised creating a better environment for entrepreneurs and start-ups, who in turn would provide jobs; it has also talked about skilling the young to make them job-ready, but not much about where the jobs would come from.

Employment is an enormous challenge for a country where millions of young people enter the job market every year. Unemployment or underemployment is becoming both a political as well as a social problem in the country. An increasing number of experts are now convinced that overall growth alone would not create enough jobs in the economy. Growth is happening in the organised sector, not in the unorganised sector that employs 94 percent of Indians counted in the labour force. The unorganised sector has faced several severe shocks since 2016—demonetisation, adjusting to the goods and services tax, the non-banking financial crisis and pandemic lockdowns. The country faces a challenge particularly in creating low-skilled jobs, which are mostly provided by labour-intensive sectors. However, with automation and mechanisation increasing at a fast pace, even those sectors that were considered labour-intensive are no longer generating enough jobs.

So policy makers and party think tanks need a rethink on jobs. Apart from the usual steps like creating a conducive environment for smaller players to do business and labour-intensive sectors to grow, the next government would do well to fill a large number of government vacancies. The government should support public education and health, which in turn can generate a large number of jobs. The services sector should also be seen as a generator of low-skilled jobs.

ROHIT'S RED-HOT FORM AUGURS WELL FOR INDIA

SOMETIMES, small gestures can reflect a man's personality. On Sunday, when the Mumbai Indians looked vanquished, one person stood unperturbed and tall in the middle—Rohit Sharma. He had just completed a century, but looked dejected—his team still needed 29 runs off three balls against an accurate and wily Chennai Super Kings attack. When the match was over, Rohit did not celebrate his 105 off 63 balls. He walked alone past the customary handshakes to the dressing room. For him, as for many other players, a team win is more important than individual milestones.

However, it's not just about not celebrating. The way things unfolded days before this Indian Premier League season started, Rohit could have been distraught. Even as he continued to be the India captain in the shortest format, he was replaced by Hardik Pandya as the MI skipper, something that did not go down well with the fans. Hardik has been booed every time he has walked in. He has looked unsure, like in the last over on Sunday when he bowled to M S Dhoni; he gave away 26 runs, 20 of them in four balls to Dhoni. Hardik has been under pressure right from the first match of the season and it has been telling on his form.

On the contrary, Rohit has been a rock for the beleaguered franchise that is walking a tightrope this year. The season has, in fact, been a revelation for the 36-year-old India opener. Like all great players, he is pushing his way back from adversities. His form has not been at its greatest over the last several years. His last IPL century came 12 years ago. Last year, he scored 332 in 16 matches at an average of 20.75 and a strike rate of 132.8. Compare this to 2024: in six matches, he has already scored 261 at 52.2 while striking at 167.3. This augurs well for India at the next T20 World Cup in June, where he would be the captain. Rohit did not play the shortest format for India from November 2022 until early this year. Though the IPL is a long way from being over, he needed these runs. And for MI, his role in reversing the team's fortunes would be crucial. Hardik may be under pressure, but he must labour on too.

QUICK TAKE

SYMBOLIC POLL-TIME SALES

THE last Brazilian presidential election saw the advent of Data Toalha, an informal index of public sentiment divined from the sales of towels printed with the candidates' faces. In India, we can look at the sales trajectories of some of the objects assigned as party symbols. We are witnessing O Panneerselvam's jackfruit selling out in Ramanathapuram, Dhoolpet kite makers finding it hard to keep up with orders for AIMIM's kite, and Aurangabad's craftsmen amid a quinquennial spike in demand for RJD's hurricane lamp. Do they really stand for voter sentiment? Perhaps not in our pluralistic polity, but it's surely a swell time for the makers of these objects.

Iran and Israel keep crossing regional lines to target each other. The latest escalation is another dangerous episode in a continuum stretching almost half a century

THE SHIFTING RED LINES IN WEST ASIA

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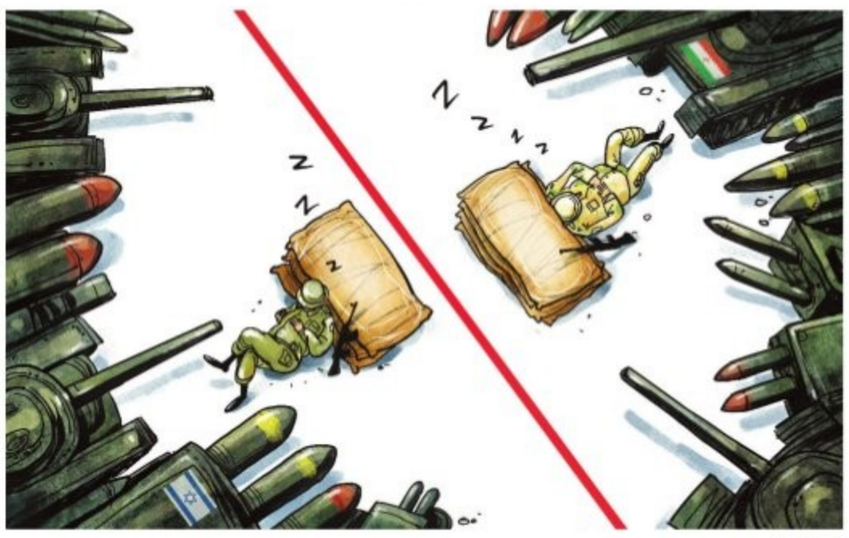

SOURAV ROY

AS soon as Hamas executed its attack last October 7, it was inevitable that Israel would strike back in strength without any remorse. It was equally evident that the action by Hamas, acting as a proxy of Iran, would at some stage lead to another round of possible hostilities between Iran and Israel.

Alongside the war in Gaza, Iran activated Israel's northern borders by employing its assets through proxies in Syria and Lebanon. A series of air strikes in retaliation were conducted by Israel against various Iranian assets, culminating in the April 1 strike that flattened an Iranian consulate in Damascus. Of the twelve people killed were seven personnel of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC); among them were at least two senior IRGC commanders. Iran's supreme leader Ali Khamenei promised retribution, which apparently is in progress against Israel but has met with questionable success.

Before assessing what this latest round of hostilities really means in terms of potential escalation beyond the already on-fire Middle East, it's good to make a brief recall. Israel and Iran enjoyed the best of relations before 1979, when the Iranian Revolution took place—considered one of the earth-shaking geopolitical events of the second half of the 20th century. Iran, as the centre of Islam's Shia ideology, entered into confrontation with Saudi Arabia, the core of Sunni ideology. The Saudis were close to Iran's new nemesis, the US, for a variety of reasons. Hence, despite the purported leadership of the Islamic world that Saudi Arabia aspired to, it could never get itself to fully oppose the closest US ally, Israel. A tacit live and let live attitude prevailed.

Iran, itself a flag bearer of the Islamic world, found its lot was enhanced by strongly supporting the Palestinian cause and projecting itself as a strong adversary of Israel. It has never dithered from this policy over the last 45 years.

Besides ideological differences with much of the Sunni Arab world, Iran has trudged a lonely path of opposition to Israel—an opposition that is vehement in many ways. One of the ways Iran chose to play its strategic course for domination of the Islamic world was by remaining a strong player in militarily opposing Israel, something that the combined strength of the Arabs had not succeeded in ever achieving.

Not enjoying a common land border with Israel, Iran adopted two approaches to remain a potent threat to the Israeli military's potential and perceived domination. The first was the employment of surrogate forces, often referred to as proxies, in the Levant. This essentially meant that Lebanon and Syria were to be fully pliant in providing space for deployment of forces, assets and positions.

Attacks by proxy forces on Israel's northern border have been a longstanding phenomenon. In 2006, a full conventional war was fought to a stalemate by Hezbollah, the Shia surrogate in Lebanon and Syria. Hamas played the same role in Gaza. Further, the Houthi rebels, who have fought against an Arab military alliance, were supported by Iran to extend the proxy reach far south. In the current situation in 2024, the Houthis have virtually prevented the movement of oil tankers to Israel and other places through the Red Sea.

The second and far more deadly part of the Iranian strategy goes back to the early 1990s, when it decided to acquire missile technology from Russia, North Korea and China. Over time, it developed a dangerous arsenal of missiles to include the Kheibar, with a range of 2,000 km, and the Haj Qasem, which has a range of 1,400 km. It has also achieved hypersonic capability and its armed drones have been extensively employed in Ukraine. Missiles and now armed drones have become the cutting edge of Iranian deterrence. This, combined with the proxy forces, IRGC presence and the constant supply of missiles and rockets that Iran has maintained to Hamas and Hezbollah, have been the focus of Israeli pushback all these years.

Despite all its attention on Hamas in Gaza and the hostage situation there, Israel has continuously targeted Hezbollah across the northern border as well as the IRGC presence in Syria. The intent has been to prevent these forces from consolidating themselves in the Levant , from where it will be well nigh impossible to evict or neutralise them. Israel remains apprehensive of being hemmed in from the north and from Gaza in the south, and is essentially attempting a quasi-holding action in the north through violent actions that it resorted to in recent weeks. Perhaps a few red lines were crossed.

What triggers fears regionally and internationally is the fact that Iran also has a nuclear programme, a fairly active one that is only partially under control. An overkill response by Israel either against nuclear facilities or directly against strategic targets could result in escalation, which may spiral completely out of control.

What is clear is that Iran could not have sat out the Israeli strike of April 1 without response. In 2020, in response to Qasem Soleimani's killing by the US, it had adopted symbolic attacks on US assets in a military operation code-named Operation Martyr Soleimani. The IRGC launched over 12 ballistic missiles at the al-Asad airbase in Western Iraq; they were more symbolic than strategic. This time, it has already responded with over 300 weapons, most of which have been shot down by Israel's air defence systems. There has been conjecture that the US, in assisting Israel, may enter the conflict by firing some of its arsenal at Iran.

It is highly unlikely that this war will escalate. No one can rationally afford to do that—all sides are taking their chances, testing red lines everywhere. Crossing a red line could have repercussions that can be ignored only at the cost of their own peril. This is simply because none of these wars are winnable, neither the proxy nor the direct ones. They remain situations for scheming, manoeuvring, testing will and a long wait for a moment that someone may discern as one of intense advantage. That wait can go on forever, without an outcome. So the Iran-Israel standoff will likely continue at different levels of intensity for fairly long. The current situation is likely to dilute not too long hereafter.

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A LESSON FROM DANTE IN SEASON OF GUARANTEES

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I have been carrying Dante's *Inferno* (Robert Pinsky version) on my back like a cross for some time now. On Friday, it got rid of me at Bhubaneswar airport. The parting was subconscious—and perhaps designed. The air hostess might have had something to do with it though. I was a lone passenger on the emergency row. Before the plane took off, the hostess came up and said not to open the heavy-looking but invitational door unless she or the captain said, "Evacuate! Evacuate! Evacuate!" I had been eyeing the door.

In my younger days, I might have telepathically persuaded her to utter the word thrice right away and proceeded at least in my mind to open the door. Aren't we in all some kind of emergency at all times and looking for an exit? But these are days one could get into trouble for lesser thought crimes, and I refrained.

A couple of hours later, I went past the TV showing Gaza news on my way to the airport lounge. Transaction over, I made my way out. There was a little confusion as the driver who had come to pick me up thought I was Ms Pinky Mishra, and I had to make a couple of calls to prove to him this was not the case.

It was only later in the car that I realised that Dante and I had parted company. And, later still, it struck me that the cautionary words uttered by the air hostess in her sing-song voice held a kind of relevance to Indian politics.

On Saturday, a liberal media house released a pre-poll survey that said the Narendra Modi-led NDA front had a 'comfortable 12 percentage lead over the rival alliance, INDIA'. One of the conclusions said the Modi loyalists 'swore by the welfare schemes undertaken by the government'. The newspaper sounded disappointed.

It is not as if the opposition leader Rahul Gandhi has been less generous than the PM in his promises to the public. For example, in Dhule in Maharashtra he recently promised to deliver ₹100,000 every year to every woman in need. This is in addition to many other welfare schemes and 'guarantees' that the opposition and the government have been promising, though admittedly the BJP manifesto released on Monday shifts the emphasis to development. But, in his campaign speeches, Modi has been large-handed. His direct cash promises and welfare schemes together constitute a new politics of guarantee. Indeed, the prime minister has been a real innovator in this sense. No speech of his complete without a mention of the inspirational 'Modi Ki guarantee'.

On both sides, the guarantee politics is little more than baiting the poor with candies. The material nature of

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> In Dante's *Inferno*, the lately pious Emperor Constantine donates vast sums to the pope for a guaranteed seat in heaven. A similar Faustian bargain is at work to get our vote with the promise of guarantees from all sides

the transaction is quite similar to the electoral bond scheme, which the opposition is critical of. It is essentially a *quid pro quo*. Only, we cannot tell for sure. In our world, more than ever, the good and the bad are inextricably mixed. Reality is a ghost haunting our consciousness. I think it was the French historian Jules Michelet who said that humans have invented a language in which truth can never be fully articulated.

The BJP talks of development. Which, of course, India could do with. In the heart of our hearts, who doesn't want an India that looks a bit like the gleaming Nordic Europe, no matter that the Indian genius for dirt and chaos militates against that orderly and snow-crusted dream?

In addition to the guarantees, the Congress talks about caste census (another guarantee, really) so that proportionate representation is enforced. Well, if instead of merit only caste is considered, would you really like your heart to be operated upon by a caste-quota doctor or an upper-caste dude with greater surgical skills?

To come back. All elections, of course, are fought on promises. But at no point in Indian history have both the incumbents and the opposition been so competitive in a campaign catering to the basic material urges of a people. Our money, your vote.

The vote, then, is like an electoral bond. It is the same Faustian principle at work. In the first, the political party buys your vote. In the other, a company sweetens up a political party. There seems little of ideology at work when it comes to the masses. How different really is this transaction from auctioning? The highest bidder hopes to rule. It is our modern variation of the papal bull, an official letter from the pope in the Middle Ages that could exonerate the donor from the sins he might have committed.

In *Inferno*, Dante mentions the formerly pagan Emperor Constantine of the 4th century CE, who 'donated' vast amounts of land and money to the pope before he died converted as a Christian. In return, the lately pious emperor was guaranteed a safe seat in heaven: "Ah, Constantine, what wickedness was born—and not from your conversion—from the dower that you bestowed upon the first rich father!" deplores Dante.

To cut a flight of fancy short, all of us seem to be seated on one long emergency row, one eye on the door, one ear to the crew. We fasten our seatbelts, stretch our legs, think about donations, our votes, their promises. We wait for the plane to take off, vaguely wondering about emergency exits, waiting for the captain or the crew to say, "Evacuate! Evacuate! Evacuate!" Silence. We are relieved. How lightly we float.

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Dictatorial record

Ref: *The troubled past between Congress and the judiciary* (Apr 15). Despite its dictatorial record, the Congress has the audacity to call PM Narendra Modi a dictator. The Congress did not lift the Emergency even when the Lok Sabha elections were announced. It was the Janata Party government that humbled the Congress government in the election.
Shreeram Paranjape, Bengaluru

Sapling solution

Ref: *Govt must protect animals from drought* (Apr 15). School students are aware of various issues these days. If they are asked to plant a minimum of two saplings for marks, they'll create a huge impact before the next academic year. Making afforestation a topic in essays alone may not bring it into practice.
R Prabha, Tiruvarur

Informed decisions

Ref: *Why financial literacy is falling short* (Apr 15). Financial literacy will be an irreplaceable asset, especially for the nation's youngsters. We execute financial decisions daily, but are we informed enough to introspect the benefits of the proposed interests?
Nithish G S, Tirupati

Explosive match

Ref: *Rohit's ton in vain for MI as MS blitz powers Kings* (Apr 15). A scintillating century by Rohit Sharma of Mumbai Indians went in vain, but a glittering 20 runs in four balls by M S Dhoni brought the win to CSK. The match between the two star-studded teams was absorbing. Both teams played with full gusto to win the match. It was a treat to watch.
K S Aswathanarayana, email

Extending tenure

Giving extension to senior officials on their retirement can be justified under special circumstances, though it would be an injustice to the next in line legitimately aspiring for the position. If this provision is used indiscriminately at the whims and fancies of the authorities in exchange for favours, it is an unhealthy practice that cannot be justified. A case in point is the extension of service given to the SBI chairman.
Raju Mathai, Kochi

Sustainable democracy

If democracy is to be sustainable, we should have a rule that no party can be in power for more than one term in one go. In the current system, the incumbent party in power, with the sense of indispensability, continues with governance as per its own whims and fancies. This gradually erodes democracy and establishes autocracy.
B S Badarinarayana, email

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
Which ruling party strong man is having industrial units set up in Tribal areas of Ladakh? I will do a Gyan Ganga to appriseour people.

Akhilesh Yadav @yadavakhilesh
The BJP has made a mistake by giving tickets to those who do not understand difference between making progressive amendments and fundamental changes in the Constitution

Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge
India, once a beacon of hope, has been tarnished by corruption. BJP pocketed 56% of the total Electoral Bonds.

'People have seen pace of progress, party will win 370 seats'

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari says he is social worker first, then a politician, and advocates the need for a third term for Modi govt for massive infra push

UNION Road, Transport and Highways Minister **Nitin Gadkari** calls himself as a social worker rather than a politician. One of the top performing ministers in the cabinet, Gadkari not only predicts a third term for Prime Minister Narendra Modi but also a BJP win in more than 370 seats. Taking time off his campaign schedule in Nagpur, Gadkari tells **Rajesh Kumar Thakur** that he firmly believes in "empowerment politics." **Excerpts**:

You are seeking a third term from Nagpur. How is the 'josh' (enthusiasm) among the people?
The 'janata ka josh' for the right person always remains high. People in Nagpur appreciate development which our government has been carrying forward at a breakneck speed. People want to be part of 'Viksit Bharat', and of course, a more 'Viksit Nagpur.'

What are your expectations in this election?
This election is for development. I see politics as a tool for bringing prosperity to the people in terms of development, infrastructure and whatever people need for living a dignified life with a higher degree of 'ease of living' and 'ease of doing developments'. In Nagpur, the people have seen development and they say more and more development is the need of the hour.

I never discriminate against people based on their caste, creed, or anything else. I have been a trusted and delivery-oriented person. I expect to win by more than 5 lakh votes this time.

A video recently surfaced across social media in which a handicapped Muslim man is heard thanking you for support that enabled him to eke out a living. How do you manage to render such services amid political engagements?
I have been a natural social worker. This is the time when we need to redefine politics. For me, 'power politics' is not real politics. Social transformation comes with good services to poor people, by facilitating and participating in cultural programmes and sports activities, besides other people-centric works. I take politics as an instrument of socio-economic reforms.

Many people, especially those belonging to a minority community, say they vote for Gadkari, without knowing which party he belongs to...
I take this as their affection for my ability to build trust with them and for my work for the welfare of all. For me, no caste, religion, language, gender, party or ideology matters as much. I believe in 'sab mera hai aur mae sab ka hu (all are mine and I am for all).

The BJP claims it will win more seats in southern India. What are your expectations?
We are expecting a good number of Lok Sabha seats from South, particularly Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The people in these states have more trust in the party. They have seen the developmental model of PM Modi and how country has performed in all sectors of economy to emerge a global power in the last decade. This is the party that believes in 'nation first' whereas other parties think politics comes first.

How many seats do you think the BJP would win in the parliamentary elections?
The BJP will go above 370 and along with our allies in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will cross 400 seats. People agree with our vision of a 'Viksit-Bharat' free from corruption. The people have seen our government's works in all sectors in the last decade under the leadership of PM Modi. My ministry is only one such wing that has set an example of performance.

What are the core issues on which the BJP-led NDA is eyeing the third consecutive term?
The core issues develop around developmental works accomplished now and the ones we plan to achieve. You may draw a comparison between 60 years of the Congress with the 10 years of Modi and BJP-led government at the Centre. The people are well convinced that only the BJP and Modi ji can change the future of this country.

Now, developmental issues are more concerned. "Garibi ka koi dharma nahi hota, na hi jaat or na hi koi bhasha' (poverty has no religion, caste, or language). We need to create an economy that creates more jobs, solves people's problems and eradicates poverty.

Can you cite some big development works done by your ministry in the last 10 years?
Lots of works are now open to be seen and believed. Nagpur has emerged not only as a hub of education and industry but also works related to aviation. Whatever infrastructure in road, communication highways and other subsidiary parts is seen now is all about our performance. Corridors like the Delhi-Mumbai Express, Ahemedbad-Dhoelra, Bengaluru-Chennai, Delhi-Amritsar, and many more speak of our ministry's performance in line with the vision of PM Modi. We are using many green materials in national highway construction, which is the first-of-its-kind green move. There are major projects related to boosting religious and tourism connectivity taken up by our ministry. They are: Ram-Van Gaman Marg (155km) to be completed by March 2025 at a cost of ₹4,700 crore, the Ram-Janaki Marg costing ₹5,000 core with a deadline of completion by September 2025, Ayodhya Parikarma (235km) by December 2025, the Baraj 84 Kosi Parikarma Marg (300km) to be completed by December 2025 at an estimated cost of ₹5,000 and the Buddha circuit (419 km). Besides, the Kailash Mansarover (366 km) stretch is to be completed with an estimated cost of ₹9,500 crore by March 2025. In a total, 10 such projects have been taken up and some of them have already been completed at estimated cost of ₹75,000 crore to cover 3,177 km.

Some specific works done for rural areas by your ministry?
Lots of works for rural areas have been done. We continue to develop highways and expressways for the socio-economic development for tribal and 500 aspirational blocks. Nearly, 3.75 lakh km of new roads have been built in villages in the last 10 years. These also include vital words in the Northeast and J&K. In Northeast, we are working on more than 800 projects worth ₹3 lakh crore out of which ₹42,000 crore worth of projects have been completed. In J&K, works worth more than Rs 1 lakh core have been taken up. One of Asia's longest tunnels, Zojila Tunnel, is located in J&K. National highways in J&K have 144 tunnels with a length of 357 km.

Over 1,600 Hindus held hostage in Myanmar state

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

IN what seems to echo the 2017 massacre of Hindus by Rohingya terror groups in Myanmar's Rakhine state, a similar crisis has unfolded in Buthidaung, Arakan state, where Hindus and Buddhists are being held captive.

"Unrest and instability have spread to Buthidaung, with Islamic terror groups, acting in collaboration with the military, targeting ethnic groups based on religious affiliations. Presently, there are over 1600 Hindus and 120 Buddhists held hostage," according to a source.

The fate of these hostages remains uncertain. Religious and ethnic conflicts have forced residents to flee for safety. On April 11, two youths were found dead, with their throats slit. This marks the first such incident in the area since turmoil erupted following clashes between the military and the Arakan Army rebel ethnic groups in November 2023.

"Myanmar's military regime allegedly provided basic military training to members of the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army (ARSA) and Arakan Rohingya Army (ARA) to combat the Arakan Army," the source added. It's been alleged that Rohingya terror groups are looting the homes of those held captive and even setting them ablaze.

Ethnic groups are urging Islamic religious organizations not to succumb to the religious divisions fostered by the current attacks. They reaffirm their commitment to protecting all residents, regardless of their religious or ethnic backgrounds. It's worth recalling that in 2017, Rohingya armed terror groups massacred nearly 100 Hindus in Rakhine state, including women and children. Amnesty International conducted a thorough investigation into the incident, which included interviews conducted in Bangladesh.

Plea seeks review of verdict scrapping electoral bonds in SC

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

A petition has been filed before the Supreme Court seeking review of the February 15 electoral bonds judgment arguing that the issue was not justiciable at all.

Petitioner-lawyer Mathews J Nedumpara requested that his plea be listed for hearing in an open court. As per the SOP and practice, a review plea is heard in the chamber by the same judges in the case. The lawyer said that the electoral bonds scheme did not involve fundamental rights of any citizen in its strict sense because it concerns every citizen and the issue was not justiciable at all.

The court has failed to notice that no claims of any specific legal injury were made by the petitioners, or that public opinion could be sharply divided and the majority could probably be in support of the scheme, it stated.

The court failed to notice that the public opinion could be sharply divided and the majority of people could be in support of the scheme, brought into existence by their elected representatives and they too have a right to be heard, as much as the writ petitioners.

"The court failed to notice that, if at all it is venturing into the forbidden domain of adjudicating upon a matter of legislative policy, they have a duty to hear the public at large and that the proceedings ought to be converted into representative proceedings," it read.

In its landmark verdict on February 15, the top court has said that the Amendments to Income Tax Act provision and the Section 29C of the Representation of Peoples (RP) Act are declared to be ultra vires and unconstitutional.

CJI DY Chandachud-led bench had termed the Amendment to the Companies Act (allowing blanket corporate political funding) "unconstitutional".

The apex court had directed the SBI to stop issuing electoral bonds immediately and to disclose and submit all the details to the Election Commission.

"The EC will make all donations public within one week of the receipt of the information. All EBs within the 15-day validity period shall be returned by political parties to the purchasers," the court had ruled.

"Lack of privacy of political affiliation would be catastrophic. It can be used to disenfranchise voters. Right to informational privacy extends to financial contributions to political parties," said the bench.

The EB scheme was challenged by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), the Communist Party of India (Marxist), Congress leader Jaya Thakur, and Spandan Biswal.

Under the electoral bonds scheme, ruling parties can coerce people and entities to contribute, the apex court had said and rejected as "erroneous" the Centre's argument that it protects confidentiality of the contributor which is akin to the system of secret ballot.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Need to safeguard judiciary: Ex-judges
A group of 21 retired judges of the Supreme Court and high courts have written to the Chief Justice of India on the escalating attempts by "certain factions to undermine the judiciary through calculated pressure, misinformation, and public disparagement". These critics are motivated by narrow political interests and personal gains and are striving to erode public confidence in the judicial system, they said.

SC lauds safety measures by Rlys
The Supreme Court on Monday appreciated the steps taken by the Indian Railways to prevent train accidents, including the automatic train protection system 'Kavach', to avoid collisions. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and K V Viswanathan disposed of a petition that raised issues related to passenger safety after taking note of multiple steps taken by the public sector behemoth to prevent accidents and promote safe travel.

Stay on court-monitored survey of Shahi Idgah mosque complex extended

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court, on Monday, once again extended the interim stay on the Allahabad High Court order appointing a commission to inspect the Shahi Idgah Mosque situated adjacent to the Krishna Janmabhoomi at Mathura in Uttar Pradesh.

A two-judge bench, led by Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta, listed the matter for further hearing in August. It directed that the interim orders will continue till then. "All interim orders will continue. Re-list the matters in the week commencing August 5," the bench ordered.

It was hearing the pleas related to Krishna Janmabhoomi's dispute with the Shahi Idgah Masjid. The Shahi Idgah Masjid Committee has filed a batch of petitions challenging the Allahabad HC order appointing a commission to inspect the mosque.

In its earlier order, the apex court had rejected an appeal filed by the mosque committee challenging the Allahabad HC order to consolidate 15 suits concerning the Krishna Janmabhoomi against the Shahi Idgah Masjid dispute.

Notably, in May 2023, the Allahabad court transferred all the suits about the Sri Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah Masjid dispute to itself, forcing the mosque committee to move the top court challenging the order. The committee had moved the top court, objecting to the HC's consolidation of 15 cases about the dispute for joint hearings. The SC ruled that the jurisdiction of this matter lies solely within the purview of the High Court.

A number of separate petitions were filed in lower courts in Mathura. The petitions sought the removal of the Shahi Idgah Masjid from the 13.37-acre complex, which it shares with the Katra Keshav Dev temple. The petitioner, the Hindu side, has claimed that the Shahi Idgah mosque holds signs that suggest that it was a Hindu temple once.

April 17 date set for Surya Abhishek of Ram Lalla

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

AMID the ongoing daily trials for the 'Surya Abhishek' of Ram Lalla consecrated in the sanctum sanctorum of the Ram temple in Ayodhya, the entire opto mechanical system required to execute the historic event has been put in place to grace the forehead of the Ram Lalla idol with sunrays on the occasion of Ram Navmi, which falls on April 17.

Temple Construction Committee chairman, retired IAS officer Nripendra Mishra, claimed on Monday that to mark the birth of Ram Lalla on Ram Navmi, the sunrays would fall for five minutes at 12:16 pm on the forehead of the 51-inch tall idol representing the five-year-old form of Lord Ram.

"The efforts are on to make technical arrangements for the ceremony, and the scientists are not leaving anything to chance to make those divine moments grand," said Mishra.

Ram Navmi, celebrated on the ninth day of the first month of the Hindu calendar, typically falls in March-April, marking the birth of Lord Ram. This is the first Ram Navmi marking the birth of Lord Ram after the consecration of his child form in Ayodhya on January 22, 2024.

According to S.K. Panigrahi, the project's chief scientist of the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee, after a year of efforts, it would be possible to make the sunrays fall on the forehead of Lord Ram on Ram Navmi. The team of experts had commenced work on this project in April 2023. The scientists from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee, and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, had come together to make it happen successfully.

As per the Shree Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust sources, the sunlight will adorn Ram Lalla's forehead with a circular 'tilak', measuring around 75mm, symbolising the 'Surya Tilak' of the Suryavanshi king. Henceforth, a similar event to illuminate the garbhagriha by sunrays will be replicated on Ram Navmi every year on the lines of the 13th-century Sun temple at Konark in Odisha.

As per the plan, at noon, when the sun reaches its zenith above the temple, its rays will penetrate the garbhagriha and will be redirected through high-quality lenses within the sanctum sanctorum, ultimately resting upon the forehead of Ram Lalla.

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Army Chief's Uzbekistan visit stresses India's ties with central Asian republic

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIAN Army Chief **General Manoj Pande** departed on a visit to the Republic of Uzbekistan on Monday marking a significant step in bolstering defence cooperation with the central Asian republic. His 4-day visit includes high-level meetings with the top civilian and military leadership.

The Army said Gen Pande's visit is aimed at strengthening military cooperation between India and Uzbekistan besides exploring new avenues of collaboration.

"Gen Pande will engage in dialogues with the top defence leadership of the Republic of Uzbekistan. The meetings are planned with Lieutenant General Bakhodir Kurbanov, the Defence Minister of Uzbekistan; Major General Khalmukhamedov Shukhrat Gayratjanovich, the First Deputy Minister of Defence and Chief of the General Staff of the Armed Forces; and Major General Burkhanov Ahmed Jamalovich, the Deputy Minister and Chief of Air and Air Defence Forces," the Indian Army said in a statement.

These dialogues are pivotal in fostering stronger military cooperation, the Army said.

On April 16, Gen Pande will pay homage to Lal Bahadur Shastri, the second Prime Minister of India, by laying a wreath at his monument. His engagements will encompass a visit to the Centre for Innovative Technologies LLC, where the COAS will get an insight into initiatives being undertaken by the Republic of Uzbekistan in defence technology. General Pande will thereafter visit the Uzbekistan Armed Forces Academy and inaugurate an IT lab, established with India's assistance.

The Army Chief will be travelling to Samarkand on April 17 to meet the Commander of the Central Military District. The visit will culminate in Termez on April 18, where the COAS is also scheduled to witness the Joint Exercise DUSTLIK between the armed forces of India and Uzbekistan, highlighting the interoperability and camaraderie developed between the two countries. He will also visit the Termez Museum and the historical monuments of the Surkhandarya region, beholding a first-hand account of Uzbekistan's glorious past and cultural landscapes.

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Jaipur	36	24	Patna	41	28
Amritsar	32	18	Lucknow	38	24
Chennai	34	28	Port Blair	33	26
Kolkata	38	28	Imphal	32	19
Srinagar	20	08	Chandigarh	33	21

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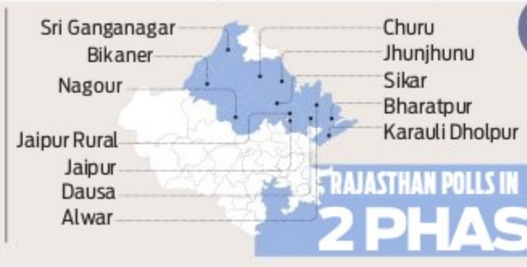
PROMINENT CANDIDATES

KOTA	CHURU	NAGOUR	BIKANER
Om Birla (BJP)	Rahul Kanswa (Congress)	Jyoti Mirdha (BJP)	Arjun Meghwal (BJP)
Prahlad Gunjal (Congress)	Devendra Jhanjhadia (BJP)	Hanuman Beniwal (RLP supported by Congress)	Govind Meghwal (Congress)

BJP vs Cong

With 266 candidates in the fray for 25 seats, there is a direct contest between BJP & Congress on 23 seats. In Barmer, the election is triangular due to entry of independent, while in Banswara, it's triangular due to the Congress candidate not withdrawing his name in support of BAP candidate



PHASE 1 TO BE HELD ON APRIL 19 ACROSS 12 CONSTITUENCIES

PARTY VOTE & SEAT SHARES

Seats | Vote share

2019	BJP: 24	59.1%
	Congress: 0	34.6%
	Others: 1	6.3%
2014	BJP: 25	55.6%
	Congress: 0	30.7%
	Others: 0	13.7%
2009	BJP: 4	36.6%
	Congress: 20	47.2%
	Others: 1	16.2%

STAGE SET FOR DESERT STORM

In bipolar battle of 25 constituencies, both BJP and Cong mobilise star campaigners

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THE desert state of Rajasthan is witnessing a fierce political showdown as the traditional rivals — the Congress and the BJP — lock horns in a largely bipolar battle. With the BJP having bagged all 25 seats in the state in the last two Lok Sabha elections, the stakes are high for the saffron brigade. But the Congress is also making a determined bid to thwart a clean sweep by the BJP and has strategically formed alliances and fielded candidates on only 22 seats — leaving three seats for its alliance partners.

The coming Parliamentary polls pose a significant challenge for Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma of the BJP, who despite being a debutant MLA rose to the CM's office. The BJP has deployed a galaxy of its leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, UP CM Yogi Adityanath, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

In response, the Congress has also mobilised its key figures — party president Mallikarjuna Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi. In the last two elections, the Congress failed to secure any seats but this time around, it is likely to gain some ground despite its loss of power in the state. However, cracks have emerged in the Congress alliance, especially in the Banswara seat in South Rajasthan. The BJP too faces internal challenges as the party changed 14 sitting MPs in the state.

The BJP is mainly banking on Prime Minister Modi's popularity to continue its stranglehold on the state in the polls. However, Sonia Gandhi's active involvement in Rajasthan, after her absence in the last two elections, signals a strengthened opposition, particularly in key constituencies like Nagaur, Barmer, Sikar, Churu, and Kota. Notably, this election marks the absence of former chief minister Vasundhara Raje, adding a new dynamic to the political landscape.

Among the most contentious seats is Churu, where former BJP MP Rahul Kaswan, now contesting on a Congress ticket, faces BJP candidate Devendra Jhanjadia. The credibility of senior BJP leader Rajendra Rathod hangs in the balance amid traditional rivalries between the Rajput and Jat communities.

Similarly, the Jalore seat has emerged as a pivotal battleground with former chief minister Ashok Gehlot's son, Vaibhav Gehlot contesting against BJP's Lumbaram Chaudhary.

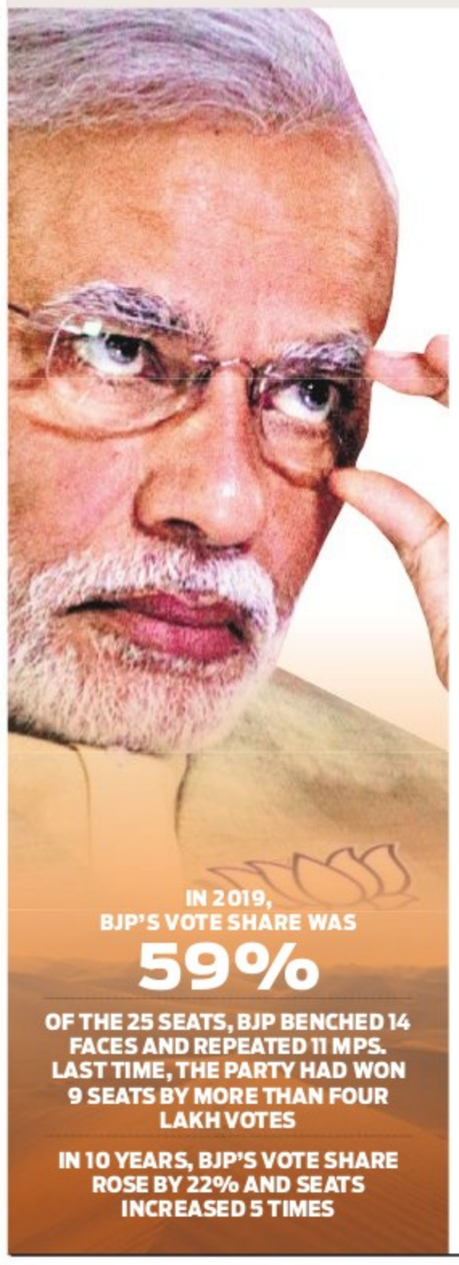
Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat reenters the fray in Jodhpur, and to face Congress's Karan Singh Uchiyarda. Sources suggest that Shekhawat also from factions within the BJP unhappy with his tenure at the Centre for a decade. The Congress has delegated the Nagaur seat to an alliance partner, RLP's Hanuman Beniwal who is battling Jyoti Mirdha, granddaughter of the influential Mirdha family, who defected from Congress to BJP.

Another heated contest unfolds in Kota, where Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla seeks re-election. He faces Prahlad Gunjal, who recently switched allegiance from BJP to Congress. Despite Kota being a BJP stronghold, Gunjal — an influential Gurjar community leader, enjoys support particularly from Vasundhara Raje's camp — is dissatisfied with her exclusion from the CM post. Banswara-Dungarpur stands out as one of the seats where the Congress has faced major embarrassment. Rajkumar Raut of the Bharatiya Adivasi Party (BAP) is challenging BJP's Mahendrajit Malviya who recently defected from Congress and was considered close to former CM Gehlot.

Though Congress initially fielded Arvind Damor as its candidate, the party ultimately threw its weight behind BAP. Shockingly, the party's candidate Damor refused to withdraw his nomination forcing the Congress to expel him from the party.

Congress faced setbacks when Sudarshan Singh Rawat declined to contest from Rajsamand, prompting the transfer of Damodar Gurjar, originally the candidate from Bhilwara, to Rajsamand. Meanwhile, former assembly speaker CP Joshi was fielded from Bhilwara in a bid to court the influential Brahmin community. Joshi's opponent from BJP is Damodar Agarwal.

In Alwar, Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav's electoral prospects appear strong due to Congress's perceived lack of preparedness. Similarly, Union Minister Arjun Meghwal seeks reelection from Bikaner. Overall, the bipolar battle in Rajasthan has become more interesting as the Congress has aligned with partners like the CPM and RLP.



IN 2019, BJP'S VOTE SHARE WAS **59%**

OF THE 25 SEATS, BJP BENCHED 14 FACES AND REPEATED 11 MPS. LAST TIME, THE PARTY HAD WON 9 SEATS BY MORE THAN FOUR LAKH VOTES

IN 10 YEARS, BJP'S VOTE SHARE ROSE BY 22% AND SEATS INCREASED 5 TIMES

IN 2019, CONGRESS'S VOTE SHARE INCREASED BY **4%**

COMPARED TO 2014, BUT IT DID NOT GET ANY SEAT.

THIS TIME CONGRESS REFRAINED FROM GIVING TICKET TO ANY BIG FACE. THE GRAND OLD PARTY IS GIVING A TOUGH FIGHT TO BJP ON CHURU, JHUNJHUNU, KARAULI-DHOLPUR, TONK-SAWAI MADHOPUR , KOTA BHARATPUR AND BARMER

Shah addresses rally in Imphal, says conspiracy to divide Manipur

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said a conspiracy was on to alter the demography of Manipur but the BJP will not allow the state's disintegration. Addressing a rally in Imphal to seek votes for the BJP's Inner Manipur candidate Thounaojam Basanta Kumar Singh, he promised that the BJP would secure the state.

"The Congress talks about division wherever it goes. It partitioned the country. Even now, the Congress people want to divide the country on the lines of north and south India. It has prepared an agenda to divide Manipur. But let me tell you, we will not allow Manipur to be divided," Shah told the crowd.

"I know a conspiracy is on to alter the demography of the small state through infiltration (illegal migration). The (India-Myanmar) Free Movement Regime was misused for the smuggling of narcotics. We have scrapped it. We decided to fence the Myanmar border and the work has started. We will secure Manipur," he said. Referring to the ethnic violence involving the Meiteis and Kukis, he said the priority of the Modi government would be to restore peace in the state by talking to all sections of society.

"For six years, nothing happened in Manipur. Then, there was violence. I want to tell the valley and the hills that Modi ji's priority in the coming days will be to establish peace. No matter how much one tries, we will not allow Manipur to be disintegrated. The Modi government is committed to bringing peace by talking to both communities," Shah said.

Stating that Modi visited the Northeast 70 times since becoming the PM, he said the Congress has no idea that smaller states in the region are the soul of India.

He said bandhs and blockades were common in Manipur when the Congress was in power and alleged the Ibobi Singh-led previous Congress government was engaged in staged encounters of "hundreds of people".

"Altogether 750 people were killed in the Naga-Kuki conflict, 100 were killed in the Meitei-Pangal conflict and 325 were killed in the Kuki-Paite conflict," Shah pointed out.

"This election is to make Modi ji the PM for the third time. The Manipur votes will show people are with whom. This election is not between the BJP and the Congress. It is between those who talk about dividing Manipur and those who have kept the state united," Shah said.

SC junks plea on voting rights of the displaced

The Supreme Court on Monday in its order refused to entertain a plea seeking a direction to the authorities, including the Election Commission (EC), to ensure that those around 18,000 persons who have been displaced due to the ethnic violence in Manipur, should get to exercise their right to vote in the upcoming Lok Sabha elections. The plea was filed by one, Naulak Khamsuanthang against the EC. A three-judge bench refused to entertain Khamsuanthang's plea. "Interference of this court, particularly at this belated stage, would cause substantial impediments in the conduct of general elections of Lok Sabha for Manipur," the top court said.

ELECTION2024

Akhilesh campaigns for Cong nominees

Leaders of MP units of the Congress and Samajwadi Party met on Monday to chart out the schedule of Akhilesh Yadav's campaign tour in the state for the Lok Sabha polls, functionaries of the parties said. The SP and Congress are fighting the Lok Sabha polls in MP in alliance, and the Akhilesh Yadav-led party was given Khajuraho seat to contest, though its candidate's nomination form was rejected. Yadav will address meetings for Congress candidates.

Omar challenges Azad for battle

National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah challenged Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP) chairman Ghulam Nabi Azad on Monday to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha polls against him, instead of "hiding behind a camera" and making statements targeting his party. Abdullah, a former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister, is contesting the election from north Kashmir's Baramulla parliamentary constituency.

FIR against Kamal Nath's key aide

Battle for the prestigious Chhindwara seat of Madhya Pradesh is getting murky. Just four days before polling in the Chhindwara constituency, the Chhindwara City Kotwali police lodged on Monday, an FIR against former MP Chief Minister Kamal Nath's key aide and OSD RK Miglani and a news channel reporter for allegedly offering ` 30 lakh bribe to journalists for circulating a fabricated and objectionable video of the BJP candidate Vivek 'Bunty' Sahu.

CHHATTISGARH

Women, young voters may play crucial role in outcome

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

CHHATTISGARH witnessed significant active participation of women who outnumbered men as voters in the electoral processes during the 2023 Assembly polls. Now, it will also find the youths' choice as decisive factor for the contestants in the poll fray in the upcoming Lok Sabha polling. Among the voters in the state, the women and the youths have been cited to carry latent capacity that can give a boost to a political fortune of candidates in the eleven Lok Sabha constituencies.

Out of the 2.05 crore voters, there are over 52.88 lakh (which is 23 per cent of the total) belonging to the age group 18-29. And the total strength of the voters is beyond the fifty per cent of the total in the age group of 18-49.

In the intense battle of bipolar politics, the election campaigns by the BJP and Congress had led to a noteworthy increase in the voting turnout of women and young voters in the 2023 Assembly polls.

Both the parties now kept a strong focus on women and youths while declaring their pledges for them in their recently released respective manifestos to persuade the voters ahead of the polling.

"The pre-election campaign for young and new voters launched by the electoral office in the state has delivered better results with now more youths to exercise their right to franchise", said Reena Babasaheb Kangale, chief electoral officer, Chhattisgarh.

The women voters are 1.03 crore while men 1.01 crore out of the over 2.05 crore electorates in the tenth largest state of the country.

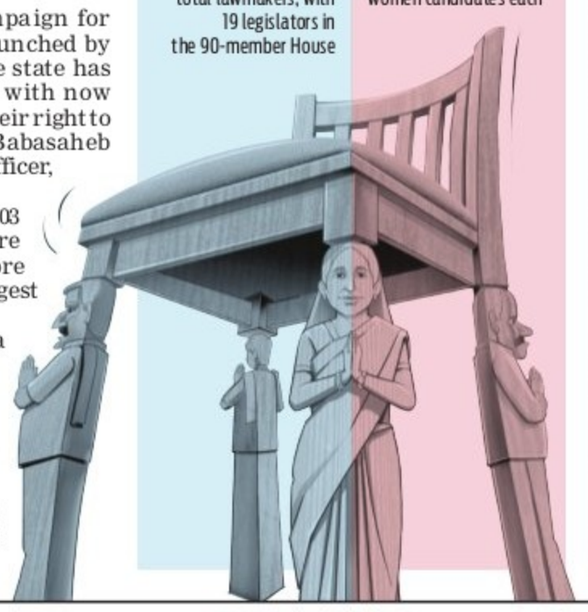
With women playing a significant role with their choice in elections, the political parties believed they carry a strong impact in the overall poll results and consequently they attempt to woo them with focus on issues that affect them.

Women's political participation

Chhattisgarh did better in women's political participation. The state Assembly currently has the highest percentage of women MLAs, which is 21.11 per cent among total lawmakers, with 19 legislators in the 90-member House

Representation of women on decline

The representation of women MPs and candidates in Gujarat is on a consistent decline. Of 26 seats in Gujarat, both major parties have only nominated four women candidates each



GUJARAT

Only 4 women candidates figure in BJP and Cong lists

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

DESPITE the rhetoric surrounding women's empowerment and the advocacy for a 33 per cent reservation for women, political parties in Gujarat display reluctance in nominating female candidates for electoral positions.

Both the BJP and Congress, as major parties in the state, are guilty of this reluctance. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP secured six women MPs out of 26 seats in Gujarat.

However, in the current 2024 elections, the BJP has fielded only four women candidates. Similarly, the Congress party has also nominated just four women candidates for the Lok Sabha elections this time.

It's worth noting that Gujarat has approximately 2.39 crore women voters, constituting around 50 per cent of the total registered voters.

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Among the total of 26 seats in Gujarat, both major parties have only nominated four women candidates collectively. Among the four women nominated by the BJP are Poonam Madam for the Jamnagar seat, Shobhana Baraiya for the Sabar Kantha seat, Neemu Bambhania for the Bhavnagar seat, and Rekha Ben Chaudhary for the Banas Kantha seat.

Notably, in the upcoming elections, a Congresswoman candidate will be contesting against a BJP woman candidate for the Banaskantha seat in North Gujarat.

This marks the sole instance in Gujarat where both BJP and Congress have fielded female candidates against each other.

Among the four women candidates nominated by the Congress party, Geni Ben Thakor is contesting from the Banaskantha seat. Additionally, Congress has fielded Sonal Patel from the Gandhinagar seat, where Union Home Minister Amit Shah is contesting. Other notable nominations include Jeni Thummar in Amreli and Prabha Taviyad in Dahod.

Remarkably, there are nine constituencies in Gujarat where no woman candidate from any party has ever been elected, including Ahmedabad West, Gandhinagar, Porbandar, Patan, Panchmahal, Kheda, Bharuch, Valsad, and Navsari

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	26	9	LC	Los Angeles	26	13	LC
Colombo	31	26	TDS	Melbourne	18	11	LC
Dhaka	37	27	LC	Moscow	13	7	LC
Dubai	27	23	LC	New York	22	11	SNY
Houston	29	23	LC	Singapore	31	26	LC
Istanbul	27	18	LC	Toronto	13	6	LC
London	13	4	LC	Washington	24	13	SNY

LR: Light Rain • WI: Windy • HR: Heavy Rain • SN: Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Global pressure on Israel & Iran for de-escalation

US Secy of State speaks to ministers in Saudi, Turkey, Egypt; Pentagon says it destroyed 80 UAVs; UK not in favour of retaliatory strike

Displaced Palestinians walking back from central Gaza Strip to northern Gaza Strip | AP

WASHINGTON

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken reached out over phone to the foreign ministers of Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Egypt, while Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin had calls with his Saudi and Israeli counterparts, amid signs of an escalating crisis in the Middle East following Iran's strikes on Israel.

Iran fired more than 300 drones and missiles at Israel, which Tehran said was in response to the April 1 strike on its consulate in Syria. Almost all Iranian drones and missiles were shot down by Israeli, US and allied forces before they reached their targets. The US destroyed more than 80 UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) and at least six ballistic missiles launched by Iran at Israel, the Pentagon said.

This includes a ballistic missile on its launcher vehicle and seven UAVs destroyed on the ground in Houthi-controlled areas of Yemen prior to their launch, the US Central Command said.

The diplomatic overdrive to fight the crisis came soon after US President Joe Biden had a conference call with G-7 leaders and had separate telephonic conversations with King Abdullah of Jordan and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel. In all the calls, the American leadership emphasised on the need to avoid further escalation in the region and reaffirmed America's ironclad commitment to the security of Israel.

World leaders are urging Israel not to retaliate after Iran launched an attack involving hundreds of drones, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles.

British Foreign Secretary David Cameron told the BBC on Monday the UK does not support a retaliatory strike, while French President Emmanuel Macron said Paris will try to 'convince Israel that we must not respond by escalating.' Germany's foreign minister says she has made 'unmistakably' clear to her Iranian counterpart that Tehran must not further escalate tensions in the Middle East. Annalena Baerbock spoke with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, following a previous conversation last week before Iran's attack on Israel. She said she 'warned him unmistakably against a further escalation.' She said at a news conference in Paris on Monday that 'Iran is isolated.' *AP*

Israeli military chief says will respond to Iran's drone strike

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL's military chief said Monday that Israel will respond to Iran's weekend missile strike, but did not immediately elaborate on when and how.

Lt Gen Herzi Halevi said that Israel is still considering its steps, but he said that the Iranian strike of missiles and attack drones 'will be met with a response.' Halevi spoke during a visit to the Nevatim air base, which Israel says suffered light damage in the Iranian attack.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has been huddling with top officials to discuss a possible response to Iran's attack involving hundreds of drones, ballistic missiles and cruise missiles.

World leaders have been urging Israel not to retaliate. Israel and Iran have been on a collision course throughout this six-month war in Gaza.

Meanwhile, Israeli military renewed warnings for Palestinians in Gaza not to return to the embattled territory's north, a day after Gaza hospital officials said five people were killed as throngs of displaced residents tried to reach their homes in the war-torn area.

Northern Gaza was an early target of Israel's war against Hamas and vast parts of it have been flattened, forcing much of the area's population to flee south. While around 250,000 people are said to be living in the north, the Israeli military has prevented most displaced people from returning throughout the six-month-long war, saying the area is an active battle zone. The military has reduced the number of troops it has in Gaza and has said it has loosened Hamas' control over the north, but Israel is still carrying out airstrikes and targeted operations in the area against what it says are reorganising militants, most prominently at Gaza's main hospital, Shifa, which is in ruins after a two-week raid and fighting last month. Israeli military spokesman Avichay Adraee wrote on X that Palestinians should stay in southern Gaza, where they have been told to shelter, because the north is a 'dangerous combat zone.' People appeared to be heeding the new warning, especially after the violence on Sunday. *AP*

WAR WATCH
ISRAEL-GAZA: DAY 192

TOLL SO FAR

34,262*

- *Al Jazeera* reported that **33,797 people** have been killed in the territory since the start of conflict
- *Al Jazeera* reported another **465 people** killed in West Bank

*Combined toll in Gaza and West Bank

Hush-money trial of Trump begins with jury selection

NEW YORK

DONALD Trump arrived Monday at a New York court for the start of jury selection in his hush-money trial, marking a singular moment in American history as the former president answers to criminal charges that he sought to stifle stories about his sex life.

The first trial of any former US commander-in-chief will unfold as Trump vies to reclaim the White House, creating a remarkable split-screen spectacle of the presumptive Republican nominee spending his days as a criminal defendant while also campaigning for the presidency. After a norm-shattering presidency shadowed by years of investigations, the trial amounts to a historic courtroom reckoning for Trump, who now faces four indictments charging him with crimes ranging from hoarding classified documents to plotting to overturn an election.

Yet the political stakes are less clear since a conviction would not preclude him from becoming president and because the allegations have been known for years and are seen as less grievous than the conduct behind the three other cases. The day began with Judge Juan M. Merchan denying defense requests to recuse himself from the case and to expand the questionnaire filled out by jurors. *AP*

NIKKI HALEY JOINS HUDSON THINK TANK

WASHINGTON

FORMER South Carolina governor Nikki Haley has joined the Hudson Institute, the think tank announced on Monday.

"Nikki is a proven, effective leader on both foreign and domestic policy," Hudson President and CEO John P Walters said in a press release.

"In an era of worldwide political upheaval, she has remained a steadfast defender of freedom and an effective advocate for American security and prosperity. We are honoured to have her join the Hudson team," he said. The 52-year-old former governor of South Carolina and US ambassador to the United Nations will be the next Walter P Stern Chair, the release said. Haley, a Republican, suspended her presidential campaign last month after being defeated in 15 states across the US on Super Tuesday. *PTI*

PM Lee to step down on May 15, Deputy PM to succeed

SINGAPORE

PRIME Minister Lee Hsien Loong announced on Monday he will step down on May 15 after nearly 20 years of heading the government of the economically prosperous country as part of the long-planned leadership transition and will be succeeded by his deputy Lawrence Wong. Lee is handing over the reins later than intended, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and after a hiccup in succession plans. Lee, 72, was sworn in as Singapore's third Prime Minister on August 12, 2004. In a Facebook post, Lee said leadership transition is a significant moment for any country."

"Last November, I announced my intention to step down as Prime Minister this year. I will relinquish my role as Prime Minister on May 15, 2024, and DPM (Deputy Prime Minister) Lawrence Wong will be sworn in as the next Prime Minister on the same day.

"For any country, a leadership transition is a significant moment. Lawrence and the 4G team (fourth generation) have worked hard to gain the people's trust, notably during the pandemic. Through the Forward Singapore exercise, they have worked with many Singaporeans to refresh our social compact and develop the national agenda for a new generation," he said. *PTI*

IN THE HON'BLE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C., AT NELAMANGALA
Cmis. No.113/2024
Plaintiffs: Sri. Muniraju & Ors. -V/s-
Defendants: The Tahasildar (Register of Births and Deaths)
PUBLIC NOTICE
WHEREAS, the petitioners above named has presented petition to this Hon'ble court under section 13(3) of Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969 for order to direct the respondent authority to get enter the date of death of petitioner no. 1's Father, petitioner no.2's Father-in-Law and Petitioner No.3 to 7's grandfather by name Doddavajraiah S/o Late. Chikkanna was died on 29-05-2008, at Thoremoodalapalya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangaluru Rural District. The Hon'ble court has fixed on **18-05-2024** for hearing of the petition and that of any person's desire to oppose the said petition or claim or interest shall appear before the Hon'ble court in person or by pleader duly instructed at **11:00 AM**, failing which the said application will be heard and determined as ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 05-04-2024
By order of the Court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Court of the Civil Judge Junior Division and JMFC, Nelamangala.
Advocate for petitioners: **SMT. GEETHA .R**
Adepete, Bazaar Street, Nelamangala Town
Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

DOCUMENTS LOST
I, **Varadachari**, residing at Prestige Apartment, Bellandur, Bangalore do hereby inform to the general public that on 1-06-2023, while I was travelling, I have lost the original document of Sale Deed of my property bearing Site No. 40, Vide Doc. No. BDA-1-00533-2013-14, CD No. BDAD190, Dated: 01-06-2013, measuring 40x60sqft, totally 2400 sqft, comprised in Sy No. 25, and 28 of Bhoopasandra, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regard on 08-04-2024, I had lodged online police complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, Vide Lost Report No. 1006998/2024. If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on 9686045844.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the public, that My client **M/s. Formist Realty Pvt Ltd** represented by its Manaing Director Mr.Amit K.Kulkarni corporate office at # 903-904, Prestige Meridian II MR Orad, Bangalore 560001, is the absolute owner of the property bearing No. 14, Municipal No.14/16/1 present BBMP Khatha No. 14/16/1 measuring East to West 35 feet and North to South50 feet totally measuring 1750 sq.ft situated at Hebbal Kempapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalaore North Taluk, now Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, further state that, recently he has noticed following document
1) Sale Deed dated 18.08.2012, executed by Mr.Kinyaram in favour of Sri.Hanumanthaiah registered as Document No.BYP-1-02673/2012-13, in Book 1, Stored in CD.No.BYPD 125, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Byatarayanapura,
2) Rectification Deed dated 21.08.2021 executed by Mr. Kinyaram in favour of Mr. Hanumanthaiah registered Document No. BYP-1-02861/2012-13, in Book 1, Stored in CD.No.BYPD126 in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore have been Miss-Placed or lost the original document while traveling from Home to Office and a police complaint has been lodged to that effect.
It is requested to the general public that if anybody comes across with the said original document, the same may be returned to the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of this publication and also the General Public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on the lost/ Misplaced document in any manner whatsoever, will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my client will not be held responsible in any Manner for any such transactions.
HANUMANTHARAYA.H AND ASSOCIATES,
Advocates
Office at No.61/B, First Floor, 10th Main Road, 4th Block, Near Ramamandira, Rajajinagar, BENGALURU-560 010.
Mob: 9741980996,
E-mail:-hanumanthu81@gmail.com.

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client **Sri. Harsha S.A,** S/o. Ashwath K.S, Resident of No.7, Sathya Nest, TF-1, S.G.Palya, C.V.Raman Nagar, Bangalore-560 093, intends to purchase property morefully described in the schedule given hereunder from its owners Smt. Jayamma, W/o. Late Krishnappa, and her children K.Nagaraja, Smt. K.Sujatha, Sri. K.Manjunath, Sri. K.Kumar all are residing at No.169, Dodda Gubbi Village, Dr.Shivaramakaranth Nagar Post, Biddarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560 077. Anybody having interest or title or claim or agreement on the schedule property, they should come forthwith copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property as if no such claims exist or that they have been waived or abandoned.
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IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDITIONAL PRINCIPAL JUDGE FAMILY COURT, AT BANGALORE
O.S. No. 259/2020
BETWEEN: Mr. Micheal Raj ... PLAINTIFFS
AND: Mrs. Savitha .R and another ... **DEFENDANTS**
NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANT No.2
To, **Prakash Kumar,** S/o Srinivasan, Aged about 46 years, Residing at No.613, 3rd Cross, Opp: More T.C.Palya, K.R.Puram, Bengaluru-560016.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed the above petition Under Order VII Rule 1 and 2 of Code of civil procedure read with section 151 of CPC and under section 18 of the Indian Divorce Act 1869 (for Nullity of Marriage) against the Defendants for the Nullity of Marriage and such other relief. You are hereby summoned to appear in person or through a pleader duly instructed before IV Additional Principal Judge Family court, Bengaluru.
Take notice that in default of your appearance, on the **10-06-2024** at 11.00A.M. the plaintiff will be heard and determined in your absence, placing you as ex-parte.
Issued under my hand and seal of this Court on 30-03-2024.
By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, Family Court, Bangalore.
Advocate for Petitioner:
A.S. MOHANA KRISHNAN
No.188, 2nd cross,4th main Viveknagar, Bengaluru-560 047.

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is hereby informed that my client **Sri. Mallikarjun Hiremath S/o Kallayya** aged about 39 years and **Smt.Laxmi Mallikarjun Hiremath W/o Mallikarjun Hiremath,** aged about 34 years, Both are residing at 1476, 2nd Floor, 2nd cross, Opposite Kavitha Kutira, Suggappa Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064 intends to Purchase the schedule Property from **Smt.Usha Rani A, W/o R.Amarnath,** aged about 54 years, Residing at Kogilu village, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064.
Any Person /s having/asserting any right, title, interest, agreement, claim or intending to oppose the Purchase in any manner many contact the undersigned and may offer their vision, in writing and along with the Photocopies of documents on which they rely within seven days from the Publication of this notice with relevant documents , failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction .
Schedule Property
All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing Northern portion of **Site No.492,** Katha No.241/492, situated at Ramaiah Layout, Kogilu, village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West: 40 feet, and North to South: 15 feet, totally **600 Sq. feet,** and bounded on:
East by : Venkatesh Property,
West by : 12 Feet Road.
North by : Puttamma Property,
South by : Nagajyothi Property.
Aswath B, Advocate
#36 (317/C) , 9th A Main, 40th Cross, Jayanagar 5th Stage, Bangalore -560041
Contact No : 9901944099,
Email: aswath.bb@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed and requested the general public at large that, my client Sri.A.Venkataramana S/o. Sri.A. B. Visweswara Rao, Aged about 62 years, R/at Flat No.B1-201, Poetree Apartment 12th cross, Sarjapura Road, Kasavanahalli, Carmeleram Bangalore-560035, has lost the original Sale Agreement dated 09/07/2010, registered as Doc. No. BDH-1-02662/2010-11, pertaining to Sy.No. 17/P16 measuring 2 Acres, situated at Kannur Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk. That if somebody finds the documents listed below, is hereby requested to send it to below mentioned my address or produce before the Ashok Nagar police station as already they have lodged police complaint in that regard. All persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the said missing document.
PRAKASH PATIL, Advocate
Flat No. S1144, Golden Woods Apt. Sandal Wood Block, 1st Main 1stCross, Talacauvery Layout, Basavanagar, Bangalore-560 037.
Mob : +91 9035022987

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE
New Premises at 4th Floor, Rajbhavan Road, Telephone House Building, Bangalore - 560001
Original Application NO : 744/2020
BETWEEN:
Canara Bank ...**Applicant**
AND
Mr. M.K Sachindra Ural & Ors. ....Defendants
SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To ;
1. Mr. M.K. Sachindra Ural, S/o. Keshava Ural, No.32/6 East Anjaneya Temple Street, DVG Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore - 560 004, **PAN:** AAYPU4690C ....**Defendants**
Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs.28,08,892.69/-** only) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **21/06/24 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **23/01/24.**
Sd/- Signature of the Officer (Authorized to issue Summon)
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I, BANGALORE

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client **Sri Prakash Prajapathi,** S/o Sri Dhanna Ramji R/a No.5, 2nd Main Road, Madaliyar Compound, Azadnagar, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560018, as entered into agreement of sale on 01.04.2024 to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from its owner Sri Bangaraswamy.N S/o Sri M.Nagarajaiah, R/at No.649, 2nd Main Road, 3rd Cross, BEML 3rd Stage, Near Papaiah Kalyana Mantapa, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bengaluru-560098.
Notice is hereby given for the information of the General Public that if any person/s having any right, title, interest or claim over the schedule property may lodge their objection/claim with the undersigned along with documentary proof in support of such objection/ claim within **Seven (07) days** from the date of this notice. If no such objections/claim is received by the undersigned within the said period, it shall be presumed that no one has any right, title, interest or objections/claim over the schedule property and my clients will proceed with the sale transaction.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that Part and Parcel of New Municipal Site No.22, Kaniyara Colony, Srirama Prasad Venkataramanaswamy Temple Road, Chamarajpet, 10th Cross, 1st Main Road, Bengaluru- 560018, Bangalore Old BBMP Ward No.45 Azadnagar, New Ward No. 140 Chamarajpet, PID No.45-30-22, measuring East to West: 22 ½ feet & North to South :35 feet, totally measuring 787.5 Sq. Feet, altogether with RCC roofed residential House at Ground Floor & Cement Roofed house at First floor,, Red Oxide Flooring, Jungle Wood Doors and windows of totally 701 Sqft built up area in the ground floor, one house with 701 Sqft built up area at first floor, totally measuring 1402 Sq feet built up area with all Civic amenities and bounded on : **East by** : Road, **West by** : Sri Govindaiah Property , **North by:** Conservancy & Matadaiah, **South by:** Road.
Smt. KUSUMA .K ADIGA, Advocate
No. 1946, II Main, 8m Cross, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore-560040.
Mob: 9945301720, Date: 15-04-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
My client proposes to purchase the property more particularly described in the schedule hereunder from its present owners **SRI. SHYAM KUSHAL VAYANGANKAR,** aged about 61 years Son of late Sri. K.V.Vayangankar R/at 1204, pursuit of Radical Rhapsody, Basavanna Nagar, Whitefield, Bangalore 560048, & OTHERS (all legal heirs of late Sri.K.V.Vayangankar and late Smt.Savithri Kushal Voyangonkar),. It is represented by the present owners that they have clear and marketable title to the Schedule Property. Any person/persons who claims any right, title or interest of any nature or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within **fifteen (15) days** hereof, failing which it will presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and my clients would proceed to complete the transaction with the present owner thereof subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing No.245, Municipal No.70/71/245-MIG, measuring East to West 70 feet, North to South 45 feet, in all measuring 3150.00 sq.ft situated at Yelahanka, B Sector, 1st Phase Extension, Bangalore together with a building constructed thereon and bounded on the:
East by: House No.234
West by: Road
North by: House No.248
South by: House No.244
ARVIND RAGHAVAN Advocate
No.48, ISHITHA,2nd Main Road,
Vyalikaval, Bangalore 560 003.
Mob: 98450 04419
Bangalore. Dated: 15/4/2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
The General Public is hereby informed that my client, M/s Ma Sarada Developers, a Partnership Firm, intends to enter into a Joint Development Agreement (JDA) with the owners namely **(i) Sri. Krishnappa, S/o Late Appayanna,** and **(ii) Sri. A. Rajgopal, S/o Late Appayanna,** both residing at Doddahullur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, of the land more-fully described in Schedule Property hereunder, for the construction of the multistoried residential apartment building over the same. It is reported that the said owners have acquired the right, title and interest over the schedule property by virtue of the registered Release Deed dated 13.03.2024 vide registered document No.HSK-1-19172-2023-24 of Book-I, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Hoskote. It is further reported that the khata of the schedule property stands in their names in the revenue records and they have the absolute power and authority to enter into a JDA with my client.
Any person or persons asserting any charge, lien, right, title, agreement, interest or claim on the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the aforesaid owner or objection to execution of JDA in respect of the schedule property, should lodge his / her / their / its objections or claims with supporting documents with the undersigned within **TEN DAYS (10 Days)** of the issuance of this Public Notice, after which period my client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing **Sy No. 76/1,** measuring **4 Acres 17 Guntas,** situated at **Doddahulluru Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** vide converted order No. 624031 dated 22.02.2024, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District and bounded on that:
East By : **Land belongs to Devaraj & Satyanarayana**
West By : **Sy No. 76/1 Property**
North By : **Property belongs to Chikkappanna**
South By : **Land belongs to Nagaraj & Layout**
Dhirendra N. Katti
KKC & Co, Advocates
No. 4, 14th Cross,
Vyalikaval, Bengaluru – 560003
Email: kattidhirendra@gmail.com
Bangalore Date : 15.04.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is notified to the General Public that my client **Smt. K.K. Rathi,** W/o. K.S. Kushalappa, R/at: 9, B- Block, C.I.L Layout, Sanjayanagar, Bangalore - 560 094, is the absolute owner of the property bearing vacant site No. 63, craved out of residential converted land bearing property No. 19/3,(Converted vide Official Memorandum ref: B.Dis.ALN.SR(N) 159/88-89 dated 10-12-1992, by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore North) situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West : 60' feet, North to South : 40' feet, totally measuring 2400 sq feet, one K.B. Anand, S/o. Late Bayappa, & Smt. Priya Uthaiah, W/o. M.S. Uthaiah, both has created certain forged and created documents against the owner and attempting to alienate the property wrongfully.
The schedule property is not for sale and the same is the subject matter of litigation /claim /dispute, hence the public are warned not to transact with any other unauthorized persons much so the persons stated above claiming the schedule property and attempt to deal with the same wrongfully, despite this public notice if anybody transact with above persons the same shall not bind on my client in any manner.
SCHEDULE
All that part and parcel of the immovable property Vacant Site No. 63, Khatha No. 651/63, carved out of residential converted land bearing Sy. No. 19/3, situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West : 60' feet, North to South : 40' feet and bounded on the: **East by :** Site No. 72, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 64, **South by:** Site No. 62,
Sri. MANJE GOWDA. S.B, Advocate
Manjunatha Nilaya, 5th Cross,
Lakshmisagar Layout, Mahadevapura,
Bangalore-560 048.

PUBLIC NOTICE
My clients have agreed to purchase the Residential Apartment bearing No. A-310, BBMP No.64/3 & 3P/53 – A310-TUF in Third Upper Floor of "A" Block of the Residential Apartment Building known as **"CENTURY MARVEL"** constructed on composite property bearing Sy.No.3, BBMP Khatha No.64/3 & 3(P), situated at Hebbal Amanikere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Yelahanka Zone, admeasuring 1588 Sq. Ft. of super built area (inclusive of balconies and proportionate share in the common areas with One covered Car Parking slot, along with 831 Sq.Ft. undivided share, right, title and interest in the Composite Property from its owner M/s.Amps Facilities Management Services Pvt. Ltd. (earlier known as M/s.Amps Electrical Facility Services Pvt. Ltd.) Represented by its Managing Director, Mr.Uday Kumar U.R. who claims to be the absolute owner in possession of the same. If any person/s, Financial Institution/s and/or Statutory Authority/ies, has/have any right, title, interest and/or claim/s in or upon the same and/or any objection/s to the proposed sale, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with the supporting document/s within 07 [Seven] days of this Publication. In the absence of any claim/s and/or objection/s within the stipulated period, it shall be deemed that there is/are no claim/s and/or objection/s in respect of the same, and my clients will not be answerable to any claim/s put forth thereafter and will acquire a clear and marketable title to the same without being liable for any claim/s put forth thereafter.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Residential Apartment bearing No.A-310, BBMP No.64/3 & 3P/53 – A310-TUF in Third Upper Floor of "A" Block of the Residential Apartment Building known as **"CENTURY MARVEL"** constructed on composite property bearing Sy.No.3, BBMP Khatha No.64/3 & 3(P), situated at Hebbal Amanikere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Yelahanka Zone, admeasuring 1588 Sq. Ft. of super built area (inclusive of balconies and proportionate share in the common areas with One covered Car Parking slot, along with 831 Sq.Ft. undivided share, right, title and interest in the Composite Property in all measuring 62,617.5 Sq.Ft. and bounded on the :-
EAST BY : Road and Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.3;
WEST BY : Vidyaniketan School;
NORTH BY: Vidyaniketan School;
SOUTH BY: Lands in Sy.No.2/4 and 2/5B.
SD/- **DEEPAK K. DAVE,** ADVOCATE
No.01, Palace Road Bangalore Palace Compound, Bengaluru–560 052
Mobile No.:98440 90500.
BENGALURU DATE : 15.04.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is hereby informed to General Public that, **Mr. R Rajashekar S/o. Mr. P M Rudrappa,** Residing at No. 15, BHEL Officer's Colony, Nandini Layout, Bangalore has availed the loan from State Bank of India, Yeshwanthpur Branch, Bangalore by depositing the Original Title Deeds with the Bank, in respect of the below mentioned property. It is informed that Original Sale Deed, Dated 04.04.2009 and duly registered as Document No. NGB-1-00055-2009-10 of Book-I and stored at CD No. NGBD26 before the office of the Sub-registrar, Nagarbhavi, Bangalore along with other original title deed documents are Lost/Misplaced and not traceable in the above mentioned branch. A Complaint is also lodged in Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police on 08.04.2024 (Lost Report No. 1007983/2024), in respect of above mentioned Original Title Deeds of the Schedule Property.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Site No. 217,** having BBMP Katha No. 217, Situated in the layout formed by the **Karnataka State "D" Group Employee's Central Association which is formed out of Sy. No. 25/2 of Srigandhakaval Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk** and measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all measuring **1200 Sq.ft** and bounded on:
East By : Road;
West By : Site No.210;
North By : Site No.218;
South By : Site No.216.
Any person/s having objections or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claim to the above said Branch or to the address below mentioned Within **15 days** from the date of this Notice and also the general public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on the lost/misplaced document in any manner whatsoever, will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my client will not be held responsible in any manner for any such transactions, Further if any transaction done by any, will not be binding on bank and the borrowers. Persons finding the above title deeds may kindly return the same to the undersigned and if any objections in this regard may contact the undersigned, failing which the above mentioned branch shall proceed with the further transaction.
T.C. Shashidhara
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
No. 49, 1st Floor, Opp. 12th Cross,
Cubbonpet Main Road,
Bangalore-560002.
M : 9980139320, 8088022018

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE
New Premises at 4th Floor, Rajbhavan Road, Telephone House Building, Bangalore - 560001
Original Application NO : 727/2020
BETWEEN:
Canara Bank ...**Applicant**
AND
Mr. Muthuselvan P & Ors. ....Defendants
SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
To ;
1. **Mr. Muthuselvan P,** S/o. Padakathu, No.1, 6th Street, Palani Mudaliar Street, Halasur, Bangalore- 560 008
PAN: BAWPM2802D
2. **Mrs. Sridevi,** W/o. Muthuselvan P, No.1, 6th Street, Palani Mudaliar Street, Halasur, Bangalore- 560 008
3. **M/s. Kasireddy Nayana Builders,** A partnership firm, registered under the Indian Partnership Act, 1932 having its address at No.222, 11th Main, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore - 560 043
4. **Mr. Mallesh Reddy,** S/o. Late Seetharam Reddy, Partner of M/s. Kasireddy Nayana Builders, Having address at : No.222, 11th Main, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore - 560 043
5. **Mr. Bramhananda Reddy,** S/o. J. Timma Reddy, Partner of M/s. Kasireddy Nayana Builders, Having address at : No.222, 11th Main, NRI Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore- 560 043 ....**Defendants**
Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 40,52,247.53/- only)** with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **21.06.2024 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **23/01/24.**
Sd/- Signature of the Officer (Authorized to issue Summon)
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I BANGALORE

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public are hereby notified that my client **Mr. Basavaraja .S** aged about 57 years, Son of Mr. Sidramappa, has agreed to purchase the under mentioned Schedule Property from absolute owner Mr.Ashok Kumar Shukla , aged about 70 years, Son of Late. Babu Ram Shukla. if any person(s) including bank financial institutions private financer and all statutory authorities having any objecting for the proposed purchaser claim any right, title interest or share in the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift, exchange mortgage, charge lien, lease, license, easement, inheritance, decree award trust or otherwise howsoever shall lodge his/her/their objections and /or claims with the under signed along with supporting documents within **FIFTEEN 15 days** from the date of this publication. Any objections and /or claims and /or response received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claim/s or objections.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of site bearing No.589, BBMP Khatha NO.589, formed in Survey No.2,3/5,6,8/2,3,52/1,2,53/1 to 4.54/part,57/1 to 8, 102/ to 8(a)9,104/1,2,3, 105/1,and 105/3 Layout formed by N.G.E.F. Employees House Building Cooperative Society Limited, situated at Mallathahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District measuring East to West (45+51)/2 Feet and North to South 40 Feet in all measuring 1920 Square feet **East by:** Road, **West by:** Private Property, **North by:** Site No.588, **South by:** site No.590
LAKKANNA .N
Advocate & Legal Consultants
No.692, Shankarnagar Main Road,
Vijayanandanagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560096. Mob:9740000355
Email:lakkannaadvocate@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE 5th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU. CCH-13
P & S.C. No. 592/2023
BETWEEN: June Khazi, Aged about 57 years, W/o Tamjeed Ahmed Khazi, RA 701, Purva Riviera Apartments, Old Airport Road, Near Marathalli Road, Bengaluru-560 037. ...**Petitioner**
AND : NIL ...Respondent
PUBLIC NOTICE
Whereas the above-named Petitioner has filed the above petition under section 217 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 for grant of Letters of Administration of the estate of her sister, Late Wendy Teresa Anitha, Wife of Late Srinivas Rao, resident of No. A-105, Sterling Park Apartment, Kodigehalli Main Road, Near Chairman's Club, Sahakarnagar, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru 560092 who expired on 06.09.2023.
The interested parties are hereby called upon to appear either in person or pleader before the Hon'ble 5th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, CCH-13 **on 4th day of June 2024 at 11:00 A.M.** to show cause against the grant to the Petitioner as prayed for in the above Petition, failing which the Petition will be heard and determined in accordance with law.
SCHEDULE A
1. Apartment bearing No. 105 on First Floor, A Block, having a SBA of 972 square feet in the multistoried building known as "Sterling Park" constructed on property bearing Khata No.701, 1287, situated at Kodigehalli, Sahakanagar, Bangalore 560092 (bearing PID No.) with undivided share in land measuring 458 Square Feet vide Sale Deed bearing Document No. 5848/2001-02 registered before the Senior Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore.
2. Apartment bearing No. B-302 on Third Floor, A Block, having a SBA of 883 square feet in the residential complex building known as "Noble House" constructed on property bearing Khata No. 458/1, 461/2 & 466/1, situated at Vibuthipura Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore 560037 (bearing PID No.)
3. Apartment bearing No. C-206 on Second Floor, C Block, having a SBA of 983 square feet in the residential complex building known as "Daady's Garden" constructed on property bearing Sy.No. 53, Katha No. 4450, Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore (bearing PID No.) with undivided share in land measuring 359 Square Feet.
4. Apartment bearing No. S-2 on the 2nd Floor of building No. B-27, in the residential apartment building known as MILROC Apartments with built up area of 90 square meters in the scheme known as "Ribandar Retreat" at Chimbel Ribander, within Panaji Municipal Limits together with 112.5 Square Meters of undivided rights in land; registered before the Sub-Registrar, Ilhas North Goa District; vide Document No. 211 of 2003.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (in Rupees)
1.	Cash in hand and at bank	22,00,000
2.	Post Office Savings	02,81,000
3.	Fixed Deposit Securities (on maturity)	1,11,51,360
4.	Immovable Properties	
4(a)	3 Apartments in Bangalore	
4(b)	1 Apartment in Goa	
	Totally valued at approximately	2,00,00,000
	TOTAL	3,36,32,360

SCHEDULE B
1. Amount of debt due and owing from the deceased, legally payable out of the estate.
2. Amounts owed to Tamjeed Ahmed Khazi towards medical expenditure in a sum of Rs.35,00,000/-
Net Value of the estate:
3,36,32,360-35,00,000 = 3,01,32,360/-
Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this 3rd day of April 2024.
By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioner : **K.B.S. Manian,** Advocate
Santhanam Chambers, 3rd Floor, No. 6,
Union Street, Bengaluru - 560 001.
Ph. 080-22860486, 080-41130283

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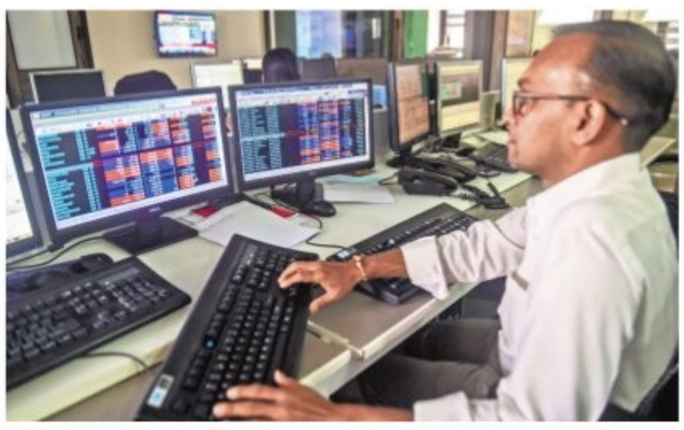
Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
845.12 ↓	Sensex	73,399.78	₹600 ↑	24 carat (10 gm)	₹73,300	₹500 ↑	1 kg	₹86,000	↑	Dollar	83.49
246.90 ↓	Nifty	22,272.50	₹550 ↑	22 carat (10 gm)	₹67,200	₹5 ↑	10 gm	₹860	↑	Euro	88.73

Iran-Israel war: M-cap falls ₹6L cr

Conflict in the Middle-east impact equity, debt, commodities and currency markets

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi



THE impact of the tension between Iran and Israel could be seen across equity, debt, commodities and currency markets on Monday.

Domestic equity market fell sharply on Monday and made investors poorer by more than ₹6 lakh crore as fresh tension escalated in the Middle East after the Israeli Army proposed retaliatory measures against Iran. Uncertainty over interest rate cuts is also said to have led to profit booking.

Extending Friday's fall, the BSE Sensex on Monday plummeted 845 points, or 1.14%, to settle at 73,400 levels, while the Nifty50 closed at 22,273, down 247 points or 1.1%. The market capitalization of all BSE-listed firms declined by ₹6 lakh crore to ₹393.77 lakh crore.

"Geopolitical tensions and inflationary headwinds in the Western world have led to pressure on equity markets worldwide. While India is relatively better placed, higher crude oil prices are a significant dampener," said Naveen Kulkarni, Chief Investment Officer, Axis Securities PMS.

Gold price rose ₹300 to ₹73,050 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday in line with firm trends in the global markets. Silver prices also jumped ₹500 to ₹85,700 per kilogram.

Crude prices trended weak on Monday with Brent futures for June delivery dropping slightly to $90.21 a barrel and the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) futures for May delivery softening by 38 cents to $85.28. Market experts believe that if the geopolitical situation worsens, oil prices may go up around $100 per barrel level, a big concern for India and corporate earnings.

"A confrontation between Iran and Israel might drive up the price of oil to more than $100 per barrel and cause panic selling and volatility in the stock market. Potential for full-blown Crude oil prices are almost at six-month highs as a result of the Israel-Iran confrontation," said Pravesh Gour, Senior Technical Analyst at Swastika Investmart.

Swarnendu Bhushan, Co - Head of Research at Prabhudas Lilladher said that Iran produces 3.2mnbopd of crude oil and also has significant control on the Strait of Hormuz which accounts for 30% of oil transit and 70% of oil shipment to Asia. "Any escalation that may impact the oil production of Iran or affect the oil transit through the Strait can result in a sharp spike in the oil prices. This would affect oil marketing companies negatively as they may not be able to take commensurate price hikes," added Bhushan.

After factory, electric car maker Tesla scouting for showroom space in India

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

US electric carmaker Tesla, whose entry into the Indian carmaker is now imminent, is scouting for showroom locations in key metro cities as it plans to sell German-imported cars by the end of this year.

Tesla may first look to establish its presence in two of the biggest auto markets in India – Delhi and Mumbai – and then move to other key cities, said a person aware of the development. Besides showrooms, Tesla would have set up its dedicated service centres.

The hunt for showroom location comes as Tesla Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk is all set to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his 2-day visit to India starting from Sunday. It is expected that Musk will make Tesla's proposed investment announcement following his meeting with the PM.

Before the Musk's arrival, Tesla has struck a strategic deal with Tata Electronics to acquire semiconductor chips for its global operations. So far, neither Tesla nor Tata Electronics, Tata Group's semiconductor manufacturing arm, has made any announcement on this.

An announcement by Musk to set up a base in India will boost PM Modi's make-in-India initiative ahead of the crucial general election 2024. The market is also abuzz with announcements related to Starlink's entry into the Indian market.

According to industry sources, Tesla is sending a team to India to search for locations for a proposed $2 billion to $3 billion electric car plant. The team is said to have started discussions with the state governments in Gujarat, Maharashtra, UP and Telangana for the proposed investment. A few other state governments are also aggressively luring Tesla to consider them.

It has already begun production of right-hand drive cars in its Germany plant to test the Indian market after the government last month slashed import duty on EVs for manufacturers who are willing to invest here. India is now allowing the import of completely built-up (CBU) electric cars that have a minimum cost, insurance and freight (CIF) value of $35,000 at 15% import duty for a period of 5 years. At present, CBU vehicles priced at more than $40,000 attract a 100% duty while those below $40,000 are subject to 70% tax.

Vi 5G rollout by Dec, to set aside ₹5,720 crore from FPO

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

VODAFONE IDEA, which is in the middle of launching the largest follow-on-public offer (FPO) later this week, is hopeful of rolling out the much-delayed 5G services over the next six to nine months in select circles.

If sailed through, given the third-largest telco's poor track record in fundraising since the merger, the ₹18,000-crore FPO issue, for which it has fixed the price-band at ₹10-11 (about 15% discount), will be the largest FPO in the history of the domestic capital markets. The previous record was the ₹15,000-crore issuance from the troubled private sector lender Yes Bank in July 2020.

However, had the ₹20,000 crore issue from Adani Enterprises sailed through in January 2023, that would have been largest. After the damning Hidenburg report, which alleged a slew of bad practices including price rigging and insider trading in its stocks a few days before the issue was to hit market in the last week of last January, the company had called off the issue day after its successful sale as on the first day after the report the stock tanked 28.5%. Vi also had on record the highest rights issue raising ₹25,000 crore in 2019, a year after their merger.

"We've allocated ₹5,720 crore from the FPO for the 5G capex to begin with. We are also in active discussion with our lenders for a ₹25,000 crore loan. We already have raised ₹2,075 crore from our one of our promoters (Birlas) in the recent rights issue. So, once the funding is there, our effort will be to expedite the ordering as quickly as possible. A lot of groundwork has happened, the trials have happened. After that normally it takes six to nine months for the service roll-out," chief executive Akshaya Moondra told reporters announcing the FPO that opens Thursday.

On geographical coverage, he said, "we hope to cover 40% of our revenue market with the higher speed 5G network, and from a geographical reach, our focus for 5G and 4G will be limited to our 17 priority circles, which get us 98% of our topline, and 92% for the industry. As of December 2023, Vi had over 223 million users or 19.3% market share in the near-1 billion customer market.

PROVIDING A LIFELINE

Vodafone Idea's **₹18,000 cr** follow on public offer is the largest in the history of the country's capital market

The previous FPO record was the **₹15,000 cr** issue by Yes Bank in July 2020

VIL issue opens on April 18 and closes on April 22.

Govt is the largest shareholder in the telco with **33.5%** equity holding since Feb 2023

Vodafone Plc with **32%** is the second largest shareholder

Foreign brokerages are gung-ho about the issue making it like sailing through

Company has a debt raising plan of **₹25,000 cr** as it drives its focus to 5G rollout by Dec

Starlink may get satellite broadband services licence

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

THIS Centre is set to grant a licence to Elon Musk-led Starlink for starting satellite broadband services in India in the next few days.

The company had applied for the global mobile personal communication by satellite services (GMPCS) licence, which offers satellite communication services in licensed service areas, in October 2022.

According to the sources in the DoT (Department of Telecommunication), Starlinks' licence application was pending due to a security issue; now everything is ironed out and the application is at the final stage for approval. Subsequently, the licence can be granted in the next week or so. The official also mentioned that to award a licence to the company, one doesn't discuss it with the Digital Communications Commission (DCC), the highest decision-making body of the DoT.

"There was no delay in granting the licence, but due diligence," said the official.

Musk is set to visit India this month to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and he can also announce a Tesla factory in the country. It is believed that at the same time, the government may also announce granting licences to Startlink to start its satellite broadband services in the country. Meanwhile, Bharti Enterprises-backed Eutelsat OneWeb and Reliance Jio's Satcom venture already have GMPCS permits from the government. Jeff Bezos-led Amazon, too, has applied for a licence for its Project Kuiper satellite broadband venture.

This is the second instance when Starlink is trying to start its services in India. In 2022, the company started pre-booking even before getting regulatory approvals from DoT. Subsequently, DoT forced the company to return the pre-booking amount to applicants and seek licence first.

Usually, the license is granted for a period of 20 years. As per India's Space Policy 2023, private low-earth orbit (LEO) and medium-earth orbit (MEO) satellite constellation operators will launch fast broadband from space services in the country. As per an EY-ISpA report, India's space economy is set to expand to $13 billion by 2025, growing at a compounded annual growth rate of 6% from nearly $9.6 billion in 2020.

EXPRESS READ

RBI allows gold hedging in overseas markets

MUMBAI: With gold prices shooting over the roof and is projected to top the $2700 per ounce mark this year amid the rising geopolitical tension in the Middle East, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday issued a master circular allowing resident entities to hedge their gold exposure in the overseas markets now. The move follows an announcement to this effect in the February 8, 2024, monetary policy statement regarding hedging of price risks of gold in overseas markets. *ENS*

Byju's chief exec Arjun Mohan resigns; Raveendran to take over after 4 years

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

JUST six months after assuming CEO role at Byju's, Arjun Mohan has resigned from his position and founder Byju Raveendran will resume daily operational responsibilities after nearly four years.

After becoming CEO, Mohan had announced a restructuring exercise and the company fired nearly 4,000 employees. He will transition to an external advisory role. Also, Raveendran is spearheading the daily operations at a time when the company is facing many legal challenges and cash crunch. Over the past four years, he had focused mainly on strategic aspects such as raising capital and driving global expansion. He will be involved in the company's day-to-day functioning.

Sources said that Raveendran decided to spearhead as he felt this is the right time to lead the company, particularly during this challenging hour.

EGM paves way for fresh share issuance

Approval of the EGM proposals paves way for Think & Learn, parent company of Byju's, to issue fresh shares and conclude the $200 million rights issue aimed at tackling the liquidity crunch, including unpaid salaries, regulatory dues and vendor payments

The company on Monday also announced a major reorganisation to streamline its operations. As part of this, it is consolidating its businesses into three divisions - The Learning App Online Classes & Tuition Centres, and Test-prep.

Each of these units will have separate leaders who will independently run the businesses sustainably to ensure profitability, it added. "This reorganisation marks the start of Byju's 3.0 - a leaner and more agile organisation ready to quickly adapt to evolving market dynamics, especially in the realm of hyper-personalized education," said Byju Raveendran.

Meanwhile, in a huge relief for Byju's, a majority, 55% of its shareholders, have approved the vote for an increase in authorised share capital put forth in the form of a postal ballot and the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held on March 29, 2024. The voting process, which included both the EGM and a postal ballot that concluded on April 6, 2024, has been duly scrutinised by an independent third party, the edtech firm on Monday said.

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Jio Fin, Blackrock form JV for wealth, broking business

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

JIO FINANCIAL on Monday announced a 50:50 joint venture with BlackRock for setting up a wealth management and broking business, the company said in a statement.

"The company, BlackRock Inc and BlackRock Advisors Singapore today (Monday)...have signed an agreement to form a 50:50 JV between the company and Blackrock, for the purpose of undertaking wealth business including incorporation of a wealth management company and subsequent incorporation of a brokerage company in India," Jio Financial said in an exchange filing. The RIL group firm said the JV strengthens its relationship with Blackrock.

Earlier, Jio Financial announced a 50:50 JV on July 26, 2023, to transform India's asset management industry via a digital-first offering and democratise access to investment solutions for investors in India.

Ola Electric reduces prices of S1 X electric scooters

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IPO-bound Ola Electric has slashed the prices of its latest electric scooter range S1 X as it aims to ramp up sales and remain the top electric two-wheeler player ahead of its proposed listing on the Indian bourses.

Ola Electric said on Monday that the S1 X range, available in three battery configurations – 2 kWh, 3 kWh, and 4 kWh, would now be priced at ₹69,999, ₹84,999, and ₹99,999, respectively. When Ola Electric had launched the S1 X range in February this year, it had priced the three variants at ₹79,999, ₹89,999 and ₹109,999 respectively.

The announcement comes a few weeks after rival Ather launched its first-ever family scooter, Rizta, at a starting price of ₹109,999 per unit.

"We believe India's EV industry has reached an inflection point with the EV penetration in the 2W segment at an all-time high last month. Our S1 X portfolio now addresses the high upfront cost of EVs which is one of the major barriers to EV adoption," said an Ola Electric spokesperson.

Ola Electric also slashed prices of S1 Pro, S1 Air, and S1 X+ to ₹1,29,999, ₹1,04,999, and ₹84,999, respectively. The cut in prices comes soon after rival Ather Energy launched Rizta, a family focused EV, at a starting price of ₹1.09 lakh.

The Softbank-backed company sold 326,443 e-scooters in the financial year 2024 and had a market share of 35% in the e2W segment. Ola was followed by TVS Motors at 19% share and Bajaj Auto at 12% share.

EXTERNAL TRADE

Exports rise to $777 bn in FY24; trade deficit narrows

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DESPITE weak global economic conditions, India recorded the highest annual exports (merchandise and services) in FY24 at $776.68 billion, surpassing $776.40 billion in FY23. In FY23, the country for the first time crossed the $750 billion exports mark.

The better-than-expected numbers in FY24 was due to strong performance by services exports, which posed 6% growth at $340 billion. Though, merchandise exports during the year fell by 3% to $437 billion compared to $451 billion in FY23. Overall imports to India fell by 4.8% to $854.80 billion, helping the country narrow the trade deficit to $78 billion compared to $121 billion in the previous year. Merchandise trade deficit in FY24 also narrowed from $265 billion in FY23 to $240 billion.

"This year was a very difficult year for international trade, not only because the Ukraine-Russia conflict continued but also because another conflict started in the gulf region creating problems. There were huge issues in the Red Sea and Panama Canal. But we have beaten all odds, and breached last year's exports numbers," commerce secretary Sunil Barthwal told the media on Monday.

Meanwhile, goods trade deficit fell to an 11-month low of $15.6 billion owing to a sharper drop in imports than exports during the month. Merchandise exports fell by 0.7% to $41.68 billion in March 2024, while imports fell by 6% to 57.28%.

Under merchandise exports, 17 of the 30 key sectors showed growth FY24 (April-March). These included Iron Ore (118%), electronic goods (24%), Tobacco (19.5%), ceramic products & glassware (14.44%), and fruits & vegetables (13.86%). Major imports that showed decline in FY24 include cotton raw & waste (58%), fertilisers, crude & manufactured (39%), Sulphur & Unroasted Iron Pyrites (38%), vegetable oil (29%), and pearls, precious & semi-precious stones (22%). Imports of petroleum, crude & products declined by 14.23% during the year. Gold imports in March fell by 53% even though for the full year, it showed a high 30% growth.

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TRADE SNAPSHOT

All figures are in $bn		FY24	FY23
Merchandise	Exports	437.06	451.07
	Imports	677.24	715.97
	Trade deficit	-240.18	-264.9
Services	Exports	339.62	325.33
	Imports	177.56	182.05
	Trade surplus	162.06	143.28
Overall	Exports	776.68	776.4
	Imports	854.8	898.02
	Trade deficit	-78.12	-121.62

In absolute terms, exports to UAE grew the highest at $4 billion, followed by Singapore ($2.5 billion), UK ($1.52 billion) and China ($1.33 billion). Imports from Russia showed the highest jump by $15.23 billion followed by Switzerland ($5.45 billion) and China ($3.24%).

Alekna breaks 38-yr-old discus world record

Mykolas Alekna broke the longest standing world record in men's athletics on Sunday, producing a mammoth 74.35-metre discus throw to shatter the nearly 38-year-old previous best mark. The 21-year-old Lithuanian broke the record at the Oklahoma Throws Series World Invitational in Ramona, Oklahoma. The record betters Jurgen Schult's mark of 74.08m set on June 6, 1986.

Head held high on a night of fours & sixes

Opener scores century as Hyderabad post highest total in IPL, Karthik's heroics in vain as RCB lose by 25 runs

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Bengaluru

IN the sixth over of the Hyderabad innings, Bengaluru had some respite. Halfway into his run-up, Yash Dayal aborted it. He had lost his towel before his delivery stride. It was the only time during Travis Head's murderous innings that he didn't swipe across the line, pull in front or behind square or dump the ball into the stands. It didn't count as a legal ball but the Bengaluru fielders would have liked the calmness of the moment.

Either side of that — the first 5.4 and the next 6.5 overs — the Australian was divine. To be fair, he has taken to Indian strips of late and he continued his mission to own another 22 yards of land in this country (the deck was interesting with lots of green grass on the middle but barren on both ends, like a middle-aged man suffering from male pattern baldness).

When Head left the stage after scoring the fourth-fastest century in the history of the IPL, you wondered if normalcy would return. By the time they were done, the capacity crowd was cheering for dot balls with a gusto usually reserved for sixes. Hyderabad had racked up the highest-ever score in the history of the competition — it was one of those nights when a lot of history was rewritten. 287/3 off 20 overs (most sixes in an IPL innings, most runs in an IPL innings to name a few). There was a positive for RCB at the toss. Faf Du Plessis won before opting to field while Pat Cummins, seriously, remarked 240 may be par. On this kind of a batting strip, you want high-intent openers; both Head and Abhishek Sharma are that. The hosts opened with the part-time spin of Will Jacks. His second over off the night (third of the innings) was the only one in which Hyderabad didn't hit a boundary. By the third over itself, the two openers had sussed out the pitch. Dot balls, quick singles and turning ones into twos wouldn't be worth much; they needed boundaries.

Travis Heads acknowledges the crowd after reaching his century. (Right) Dinesh Karthik scored 83 off 35 balls | VINOD KUMAR T

Reece Topley came in for serious tap off Head including a picture perfect straight six. Lockie Ferguson, making his debut for the franchise, also travelled. His pace on style of bowling makes him an ideal candidate to concede a lot of runs in this ground and that's what happened when a Head flick soared over fine leg. It was minimalistic hitting — clear the front pad, let your hands and hips do the magic — but it was thrilling nonetheless. There was a phase in Head's innings — sandwiched by the end of the powerplay — where he went 6, 6, 1, 4, 6, 2, 6, 4, 1, 4, 6 and 6. In the process, he had converted a relatively quick 16 off 11 to 69 off 24. You could argue bowlers don't find much joy on this surface. But Two hours later, Mayank Markande and Pat Cummins showed the benefits of mystery spin and variation. Virat Kohli and Faf du Plessis raised brief visions of climbing Mount Everest. But Markande beat Kohli's defences. The captain, whose team has now lost a fifth consecutive game, kept going but a slower ball bumper resulted in Du Plessis edging on to the keeper. Thing got from bad to worse as Saurav Chauhan got out without troubling the scorers. With RCB at 122 for 5 at that stage, it looked all but over. And RCB needed more than just a miracle. That's when Dinesh Karthik took over. Karthik slammed as many as seven sixes to keep the crowd alive. His innings also included five fours as he helped the home side get close to the target. However, the record total was beyond RCB and Karthik's reach as they ran out of deliveries. RCB might have eventually lost by 25 runs but they walked away with their head held high. **Brief scores:** SRH 287/3 in 20 ovs (Head 102, Klaasen 67, Samad 37 n.o) bt RCB 262/7 in 20 ovs (Karthik 83, Du Plessis 62, Virat 42; Cummins 3/43).

HIGHEST TOTALS IN T20s

314/3	Nepal vs Mongolia, 2023
287/3	SRH vs RCB, 2024
278/3	Afg vs Ire, 2019
278/4	Czech Rep vs Turkey, 2019
277/3	SRH vs MI, 2024

TASTY CONTEST

With table-toppers Rajasthan Royals taking on second-placed Kolkata Knight Riders, a look...

BOULT VS KKR OPENERS

It is a contest between the best powerplay bowler and the most destructive opening pair of the season. Phil Salt and Sunil Narine have dominated most attacks, but they will be tested by Trent Boult on Tuesday.

SAMSON-PARAG VS NARINE

Sanju Samson and Riyan Parag are among the top runscorers for the season and one of the reasons for that is the way they have attacked spinners. Against KKR, they will be up against Sunil Narine and Varun Chakravarthy.

Kolkata Knight Riders vs Rajasthan Royals, Eden Gardens

Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30 PM

Requested management for a 'physical and mental break': Maxwell

Glenn Maxwell, who had tallied 32 runs across five games, seems to have requested the franchise to not consider him for selection, despite being physically fit. "I wanted a physical and mental break," he said in a remarkably candid post-match press conference. He took the step because of his below-par returns.

Sajana and Asha earn maiden India call-up

KALYANI MANGALE @ Chennai

WITH the T20 World Cup in sight, India have announced the squad for the five-match T20I series against Bangladesh starting from April 28. The selection committee has rewarded performances in the second season of the Women's Premier League as Sajana Sajeevan and Asha Sobhana have earned their first national call-ups.

Sajana, who represented Mumbai Indians in the second season of the WPL and scored 87 runs with a strike rate of 158 in the lower middle order, has found a place in the squad. India have missed out on having a designated spin hitter in the lower-middle order and Sajana can fill that gap. Asha, the second-highest wicket-taker of the tournament with her 12 wickets for the champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru, could get the debut cap at the age of 33. This is in line with what captain Harmanpreet Kaur had spoken about ahead of the season when she had stressed how the uncapped domestic players could use the franchise league competition to earn the call-up for the national side.

Sajana Sajeevan

Along with the two new names, all-rounder Dayalan Hemalatha and left-arm spinner Radha Yadav, who last played a game for India in the T20 World Cup semifinal in Cape Town, have made a comeback in the squad. Mannat Kashyap, Minnu Mani and Kanika Ahuja, who were part of the squad in the home series against Australia have not found a place, along with Jemimah Rodrigues, who will miss out because of injury concerns. Ahuja is still recovering from the injury she sustained before the start of the WPL season. Shreyanka Patil, who made her international debut against England in 2023 and Titas Sadhu, who took four wickets against Australia, have made the cut. **Squad:** Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana (VC), Shafali Verma, Dayalan Hemalatha, Sajana Sajeevan, Richa Ghosh (wk), Yastika Bhatia (wk), Radha Yadav, Deepti Sharma, Pooja Vastrakar, Amanjot Kaur, Shreyanka Patil, Saika Ishaque, Asha Sobhana, Renuka Singh Thakur, Titas Sadhu.

SPIN GREAT DEREK UNDERWOOD PASSES AWAY

LONDON: Derek Underwood, the most successful spin bowler in England's Test cricket history, has died at the age of 78, his former county Kent announced. Underwood took 297 wickets in 86 Tests with his distinctive brand of brisk left-arm spin and was noted for being effective on uncovered pitches, which were in use for much of a 24-year first-class career that ran from 1963 to 1987. He bowled England to a Test victory over Australia at The Oval in 1968 on such a surface, taking 7-50 when a draw had seemed inevitable. Underwood made his England debut as a 21-year -old in 1966 and played his last Test in 1982.

Major joy for Scheffler, wins second Masters title

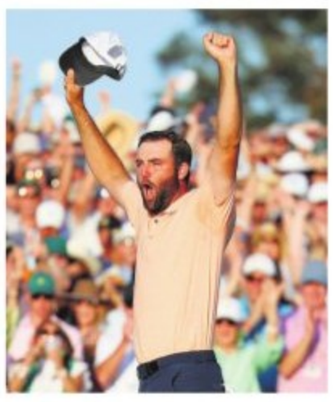
AGENCIES @ Augusta

TOP-RANKED Scottie Scheffler dominated a back-nine shootout to capture his second Masters title on Sunday, taking a four-stroke victory at Augusta National.

Scheffler, who also took the green jacket in 2022, won a record $3.6 million top prize after a drama-filled battle with fellow Americans Collin Morikawa and Max Homa and Sweden's Ludvig Aberg, who made an impressive Major debut.

"I can't put into words what it means to win this tournament again," Scheffler said.

Scheffler birdied three of the last six holes to fire a four-under par 68 and finish 72 holes over the iconic 7,555-yard layout on 11-under 277 with Aberg shooting 69 to finish second on 281. Two-time Major winner Morikawa had a closing 74 to share third on 284 with Homa and England's Tommy Fleetwood. "I did my best to stay calm out there. I tried to stay patient on the course," Scheffler said. "Was able to make some key shots and key putts to keep my round going." Scheffler matched Tiger Woods as the only players to win the Masters twice while atop the world rankings.



Scottie Scheffler reacts after sealing victory on Sunday | AFP

SELECT SCORES

277 - Scottie Scheffler (USA) 66-72-71-68; 281 - Ludvig Aberg (SWE) 73-69-70-69; 284 - Max Homa (USA) 67-71-73-73, Collin Morikawa (USA) 71-70-69-74, Tommy Fleetwood (ENG) 72-71-72-69; 286 - Bryson DeChambeau (USA) 65-73-75-73, Cameron Smith (AUS) 71-72-72-71; 287 - Xander Schauffele (USA) 72-72-70-73

Vidit records vital victory over Nakamura in ninth round

AGENCIES @ Toronto

INDIAN Grandmaster Vidit Gujrathi came back firing on all cylinders after previous match defeat and crashed through the defences of second seed Hikaru Nakamura of United States in the ninth round of the Candidates chess tournament here.

The all-Indian duel between D Gukesh and R Praggnanandhaa ended in a draw without much ado as the day saw no other decisive games. Ian Nepomniachtchi of Russia lived by the sword against Frenchman Firouza Alireza before signing peace while Nijat Abasov of Azerbaijan held his forte against American Fabiano Caruana. With five rounds and two rest days still to come, Nepomniachtchi and Gukesh continued to be joint leaders on 5.5 points out of a possible nine while Praggnanandhaa is the sole third half a point behind.

Vidit Gujrathi | PTI

In the women's section, R Vaishali's hope for a turnaround ended with another loss coming at the hands of Zhongyi Tan of China. **Results round 9 (Indians unless specified):** D Gukesh (5.5) drw R Praggnanandhaa (5); Vidit Gujrathi (4.5) bt Hikaru Nakamura (Usa, 4.5); Firouza Alireza (Fra, 3.5) drw Ian Nepomniachtchi (Fid, 5.5); Nijat Abasov (3) drw Fabiano Caruana (US, 4.5); Women: R Vaishali (2.5) lost to Zhongyi Tan (6); Tingjei Lei (Chn, 5.5) drw Nurgyul Salimova (Bul, 4); Kateryna Lagno (Fid, 5) drw Koneru Humpy (4); Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 3.5) drw A Goryachkina (Fid, 5.5).

Thriller on the cards

Spanish giants Barcelona and Atletico go into Wednesday's second leg of the Champions League quarterfinals with a slender advantage. A look...

BARCELONA VS PSG (AGGREGATE 3-2)

Ever since their last triumph in 2015, Barcelona have suffered dramatic collapses on the biggest stages on the continent. But they are showing signs of revival now. Youngsters Lamine Yamal (16) and Pau Cubarsi (17) have brought new life to the Catalan club, something that was evident during their massive 3-2 away victory. However, Barca will know that the tie is far from over. PSG's star man Kylian Mbappe, known for delivering during big moments, was subdued in the opening leg and he'll be looking for a better show come Wednesday.

Teenager Lamine Yamal (R) has caught the eye of many people | AFP

12 Barca manager Xavi Hernandez, who announced in January he was leaving at the end of the season, has led a resurgent Barcelona on a 12-game unbeaten run since.

DORTMUND VS ATLETICO MADRID (AGGREGATE 1-2)

Dortmund trail 2-1 after the first leg in Madrid, where poor individual mistakes allowed Atletico to take a 2-0 lead after 30 minutes. The German club will be determined to make the most of home conditions and stage a fightback. However, they will be without Sebastian Haller, the man who halved the deficit in the opening leg. Antoine Greizmann was the standout for Atletico in the first leg and the Germans will be wary of him.

Antoine Greizmann (C) during a training session on Monday | AFP

EXPRESS READ

Ex-Oz opener Slater remanded in police

BRISBANE: Former Australia cricketer and commentator Michael Slater has been remanded in police custody after being charged with offences including common assault and stalking. According to the *Guardian*, the 54-year-old Slater has been charged with more than a dozen offences including unlawful stalking or intimidation.

Security concerns over Oly Opening Ceremony

PARIS: The first time the Paris Olympics' opening ceremony could move from the river Seine to the national stadium in the event of a security threat. French President Emmanuel Macron said on Monday that the ceremony could be "limited to the Trocadero" building across the river from the Eiffel Tower or "even moved to the Stade de France".

Greco-Roman wrestlers have forgettable day

BISHKEK: Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers had a forgettable outing on the penultimate day of the Asian Championships with none of the five contestants making it to the medal rounds here. India's Arjun Halakurki (55kg), Umesh (63kg), Sajan (77kg), Ajay (87kg) and Mehar Singh (130kg) bowed out early, with none even making the repechage round to at least keep bronze-medal hopes alive.

Serie A: Inter set up Milan derby title shot

AGENCIES @ Milan

INTER Milan will have a chance to win the Serie A title in the Milan derby despite slipping to a 2-2 home draw with lowly Cagliari on Sunday, while Roma said defender Evan Ndicka is recovering after he collapsed during their game at Udinese.

Nicolas Viola snatched a potentially huge draw in 14th-placed Cagliari's bid for Serie A survival as Inter failed to extend their 14-point lead after their closest challengers AC Milan drew 3-3 at Sassuolo. Viola struck with seven minutes remaining at the San Siro, shortly after Hakan Calhanoglu had fired Inter back into the lead from the penalty spot following Eldor Shomurodov's 64th-minute strike which levelled Marcus Thuram's early opener.

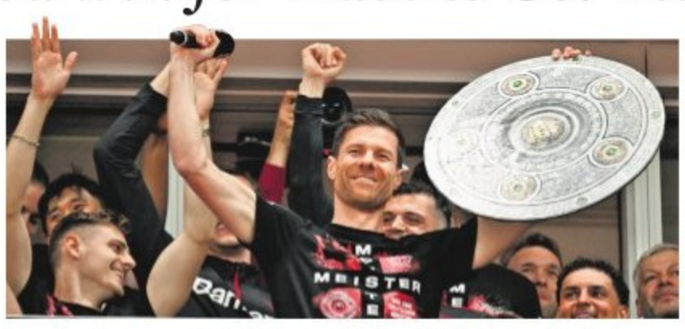
Italian Viola could have even given Cagliari a stunning win in stoppage time had he not headed a golden opportunity straight at Yann Sommer.

BUNDESLIGA

Well-deserved win for Xabi & Co: Ex-Bayern pro

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Bengaluru

ON Sunday night, Bayern Leverkusen finally let go of a tag — Neverkusen — they had been associated with for more than a decade. The Bundesliga outfit, thanks to a 5-0 thrashing at home to Werder, were crowned champions for the first time in their history. Claudio Pizarro, no stranger to German football thanks to his long history with Werder and Bayern, spoke about what Leverkusen have done this season. The Peruvian, who also featured for Chelsea in the Premier League, also spoke about Xabi Alonso, the Leverkusen coach who was his one-time teammate at Bayern. Excerpts:



Bayer Leverkusen manager Xabi Alonso celebrates with the team on Sunday | AFP

● On the mood in Germany with respect to Leverkusen's win

It's something special for Leverkusen. Xabi Alonso is doing a great job. They are well-deserved Bundesliga winners.

● On what changed in Leverkusen this year — is it Bayern dropping off or Leverkusen levelling up

I think it's the latter. They have a great coach. I can say that I know Alonso pretty well. I played with him when I was at Bayern. I knew even then that he was going to be a coach and a great one at that. You could see that he was analysing the games, he had something special. In the end, he put together some young players... of course, when you have a team like Bayern that are always winning the Bundesliga, you can see the difference between Bayern and the other teams. At the end, the teams are going down. They don't have the consistency of Bayern. This time, I think Xabi did a brilliant job working with the young players, explaining how to fight till the end so that they can achieve important things in their career. That's what they have done. I'm really happy for Xabi.

● On what kind of a coach Alonso is and whether he lived football even during his playing days

Yes, of course. You could see that he was already thinking about the game from a coaching perspective when he was playing. He's a very good coach because he can manage all the players (well). It's not easy to be a trainer when you have so many egos in the team. Just 11 players can start but you need all the players in the squad to win titles. He did that. All the players who came in did their jobs and that's crucial.

● On the next challenge for Leverkusen

It could be possible (winning it again next year). That's the most difficult part. When you win a title, every other team wants to beat you, they will fight against you. So, you will have to be ready, fight harder and maybe other players will join because you will be in other competitions as well. You need to have a big squad to help you win important titles.

(Sony Sports Networks, the official broadcasters of the Bundesliga in India, facilitated this interview).

The victorious Mohun Bagan side after the match against Mumbai City FC | PTI

Bagan edge Mumbai City to clinch ISL League Shield

AGENCIES @ Kolkata

MOHUN Bagan defeated Mumbai City FC 2-1 to win their maiden ISL League Shield here on Monday.

Liston Colaco (28th), Jason Cummings (80th) struck for Mohun Bagan, while Lallianzuala Chhangte struck for Mumbai City FC against the run of play in the 89th minute when he converted a freekick from Yoell Van Nieff. This was Mohun Bagan's first victory over the two-time Shield Winners across four seasons as the Mumbai heavyweights were also unbeaten over them in previous eight matches, winning six of them.

The win also sealed their berth in the AFC Champions League 2 for the first time as 60,000 chanted 'Mohun Bagan, Mohun Bagan' reverberated across the Salt Lake Stadium stands.

Changing the sequence of breast cancer treatments can safely reduce the number of operations required, minimise treatment delays and improve patient satisfaction, according to results from a clinical trial. With radiation therapy completed in advance in the study participants, everyone had successful reconstructive surgeries simultaneously with mastectomy, without serious complications

ENDOSCOPIC TLIF

THE FUTURE OF SPINE SURGERY

UNNIKRISHNAN S @T'Puram

DO YOU feel a sharp or severe pain in the back or legs? Or do you feel weakness, tingling or numbness in your legs? Chances are that you need treatment for damaged spinal disc or unstable spine. When all other treatment options fail, doctors recommend a procedure to stabilise the spine, also called spinal fusion, which may involve removing bone fragments from the spine and connecting two or more vertebraes to eliminate movement between them. The procedure can treat conditions such as spinal instability, scoliosis, traumatic spine fractures, and degenerative disc disease.

One common method to treat spinal problems was fusing painful vertebrae, but the challenge was accessing the area for fusion surgeries, owing to the intricate nature of the spine. Open surgery had the disadvantage of larger incisions, more tissue damage, riskier infection chances, higher morbidity, etc. But now, endoscopic TLIF (Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion), the latest advancement in this realm, offers improved access for doctors during surgery, which benefits patients in the form of reduced tissue trauma, quicker recovery times, and decreased postoperative pain. The advent of minimally invasive techniques has also changed the way surgeons perform spine surgery.

"Endoscopic TLIF is the future of spine surgery. It is at a nascent stage now and a lot of refinement is happening in this procedure. More doctors are getting trained in it these days. It will be part of robotic surgeries in the next phase," said Dr Shiju Majeed, professor of orthopaedics surgery, Government Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram. In Endoscopic TLIF, the surgeon uses an endoscope, a slender instrument equipped with a camera and light source, to visualise and access the spine through small incisions in the back. This contrasts with traditional open TLIF procedures, which involve larger incisions and more extensive tissue dissection.

The procedure typically begins with the patient under general anaesthesia. The surgeon makes small incisions near the affected area of the spine, through which specialised instruments and the endoscope are inserted. With the guidance of the endoscope's camera, the surgeon navigates to the target vertebrae and removes any damaged or diseased disc material. Next, the surgeon prepares the disc space for fusion. This may involve removing additional disc material, preparing the endplates of the adjacent vertebrae, and inserting a bone graft or synthetic material into the disc space to promote fusion. In some cases, screws or rods may be used to stabilise the spine. The biggest advantage, according to Dr Majeed, is that this technique can be used to correct problems associated with open surgeries, with minimal trauma. This is particularly useful when the patient is not medically fit for another open surgery.

Dr Ajith R, senior consultant and coordinator, department of neurosurgery, KIMS Health, performed endoscopic TLIF on a 52-year-old patient who suffered from severe lumbar canal stenosis with listhesis – a condition where the narrowed spinal canal pinches the spinal cord and nerves resulting in an unstable spine. She had undergone back surgery 15 years ago with only temporary relief.

"Considering the complexities, the patient underwent endoscopic TLIF to stabilise the spine. This advanced surgery, which was conducted in two stages, involved the precise removal of the narrowed spinal segment and the placement of an expandable artificial disc to restore its optimal height through incisions less than 1cm in length with no collateral muscle damage. The patient started walking from the next day onwards and was discharged three days after the surgery," said Dr Ajith.

"Endoscopic spine surgery is increasingly preferred as it allows individuals return to work sooner than with traditional open surgeries. It is suitable for treating various lumbar and cervical disc diseases, spinal stenosis and listhesis," Dr Ajith added.

Traditional open and invasive spinal fusion requires dissection of the normal muscles and ligaments with a large incision, which can lead to significant operative blood loss, and post-surgery pain, limiting functional recovery.

When this treatment may be considered

Degenerative disc disease: Changes in the lumbar discs, such as disc herniation, disc bulge and loss of disc height

Lumbar disc herniation: Nerve compression causing symptoms such as back pain, leg pain (sciatica), numbness and weakness

Lumbar spinal stenosis: Compressing nerve roots causing symptoms such as back pain, leg pain, and difficulty walking

Failed back surgery syndrome: Persistent or recurrent back or leg pain following one or more failed spinal surgeries

Other spinal instabilities: isthmic and degenerative spondylolisthesis, segmental instability, and spinal deformities like scoliosis or kyphosis

Pseudoarthrosis: The lack of a solid fusion from a prior fusion surgery

New treatments help in halting progression of Parkinson's

Parkinson's disease, a disorder that affects the central nervous system, can be caused by several factors, including genetic and environmental, but recent advancements have helped in slowing or halting its progression. **Dr. (Lt Gen) CS Narayanan,** head of neurology, Manipal Hospital, Dwarka, Delhi, tells **Kavita Bajeli-Datt** that individuals with Parkinson's can continue working and engaging in regular activities with appropriate support. Edited excerpts:

● What is Parkinson's disease? What are the early signs?
Parkinson's disease is a neurodegenerative disorder characterised by the gradual loss of specific brain cells that produce dopamine, a chemical messenger crucial for smooth and coordinated movement. The classic motor symptoms include tremors (often starting in one hand), rigidity or stiffness in muscles, bradykinesia (slowness of movement), and postural instability (balance problems). Non-motor symptoms such as depression, constipation, sleep disturbances, and cognitive changes can also occur.

● What causes the disease and what are the risk factors?
The causes of Parkinson's are complex and likely involve a combination of genetic susceptibility and environmental triggers. Genetic mutations can increase the risk, but most cases are sporadic. Environmental factors like exposure to pesticides, herbicides, or certain toxins may contribute to it. Advanced age is the primary risk factor, with onset typically occurring after the age of 60.

● How common is Parkinson's in India?
Estimates suggest a prevalence of around 70-160 per one lakh, but this can vary regionally. Due to limited awareness and diagnostic challenges, the actual prevalence may be higher.

● How can one differentiate between typical ageing symptoms and early signs of Parkinson's?
While some symptoms like slight tremors or mild slowness can occur with age, symptoms that significantly impact daily functioning, such as tremors at rest, stiffness interfering with movement, or changes in gait and balance, are more indicative of Parkinson's.

● Are there any specific lifestyle changes that can help manage the symptoms or slow its progression? Can it be cured?
Adopting a healthy lifestyle can complement medical treatment for Parkinson's. Regular aerobic workout and strength training can improve mobility and overall well-being. A balanced diet rich in antioxidants and omega-3 fatty acids is beneficial. Physical and occupational therapy can help manage symptoms and maintain independence.

● How effective are current medications in managing Parkinson's symptoms, and what are their potential side effects?
Medications like levodopa, dopamine agonists, and MAO-B inhibitors are commonly prescribed to manage motor symptoms. Levodopa is highly effective but may cause side effects such as nausea, dyskinesia (involuntary movements), or fluctuations in response over time. Careful medication management by a neurologist is essential to optimise benefits and minimise side effects.

● What are the latest advancements in treating Parkinson's disease?
Recent advancements in treatment include research into disease-modifying therapies aimed at slowing or halting disease progression. Deep brain stimulation and focused ultrasound are advanced therapies for those with severe symptoms. Stem cell therapy, gene therapy and targeted drug delivery are promising areas of investigation.

● Is it possible to continue working or maintain regular activities after a Parkinson's diagnosis?
Many individuals with Parkinson's can continue working and engaging in regular activities with appropriate support. Flexible work arrangements, ergonomic adaptations, and assistive devices can accommodate changing needs.

Multidisciplinary care involving neurologists, physical therapists and social workers can facilitate optimal functioning and quality of life.

INTERVIEW
DR (LT GEN) CS NARAYANAN

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU
Telephone House, 4th Floor, BSNL Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001
O.A No. 288 of 2021

BETWEEN:
The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd., Business Unit at: Frazer Town Branch, Ground Floor, 'Gold Signature', # 95, Mosque Road Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005. **... Applicant**

AND

M/s. B.S. Burraq Alumin Alloys, No. 3/1-1, 3rd Cross, New Bamboo Bazaar, Bengaluru-560 002; and others **... Defendants**

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL(PROCEDURE)RULES;1993

To: 1. M/s. B.S. Burraq Alumin Alloys, No. 3/1-1, 3rd Cross, New Bamboo Bazaar, Bengaluru-560002; Represented by its partners; **Mr. Gulab Pasha** and **Mr. Mohammed Umer Pasha.**
2. Mr. Gulab Pasha Son of M. Basha Saheb Residing at No.19/1, Chinnaswamymudaliar Road, Tasker Town, Bengaluru-560051
3. Mr. Mohammed Umer Pasha Son of Gulab Pasha Residing at No.19/1, Chinnaswamymudaliar Road, Tasker Town, Bengaluru-560051

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993, against you and other Defendants for the recovery of amount of **Rs.5,35,51,931/- (Rupees five crores thirty five lakhs fifty one thousand nine hundred and thirty one only)** together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and to file written statement before the tribunal at **10.30 A.M.** or asuch time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of tribunal on **02.09.2024** to answer the claim.
1. You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter appearances before the tribunal either in person or by a pleader/advocate duly Instructed.
2. Take notice that In default of your appearance on the day mentioned here in before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence the application will be determined In your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on this **21 March, 2024.**
By order of the Tribunal
Registrar, Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC AUCTION

IN THE COURT OF IV ACC & SJ. (CCH-21), MAYO HALL UNIT, BENGALURU
F.D.P. No: 25013 OF 2019 IN (O.S.No: 25707 OF 2013)

PETITIONERS: Smt MONICA ANDREWS A & OTHERS **-V/s-**
RESPONDENTS: Miss. IRUDAYA RANI .A & OTHERS

Pursuant to the Commissioner Warrant issued to him, the undersigned Commissioner will sell the Property described in the Schedule hereunder in Public Auction at the spot on **23/04/2024** at **11:00 A.M.** in the vicinity of Schedule Property subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter mentioned:

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD
SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL that piece and parcel of the Residential House consisting of Ground, First and Second Floors situated at No.380, SONNENAHALLY FURTHER EXTENSION (Now Viveknagar Further Extension), Bangalore, measuring East to West: 7.670 Mtrs and North to South: 5.60+8.20/2 Mtrs. Total area being 51.68 Square Mtrs, and bounded on the: **EAST BY:** Road, **WEST BY:** House No. 381, **NORTH BY:** Road, **SOUTH BY:** House No.379.

CONDITIONS OF THE SALE:
1. The Particular specified in the Schedule have been stated to the best of the information of the Court, but the Court will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission.
2. Prospective bidder/s shall deposit sum of Rs.5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) before participating the auction of the Schedule Property. The parties in the preliminary decree are also entitled to participate in the auction. They need not pre-deposit any amount subject to other conditions mentioned herein.
3. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser, provided always he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided that it shall be in the discretion of the Commissioner to decline the acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it advisable to do so. The bidder shall furnish his/her Aadhar card and Pan card copies
4. The minimum bid mount to be started with Rs. 70,32,930/- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Only) of the Schedule Property and there is no limit for maximum amount.
5. The person declared to the purchase shall pay immediately after such declaration a deposit of 25% of the amount of his purchase money after deducting Rs. 5,00,000/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Only) paid as EMD to the Commissioner and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put up again for re-sale.
6. The full amount of the purchase money shall be paid by the purchaser/s before the court closes on the 15th Day after the sale of the property excluding of such day if the 15th Day be on Sunday or other holiday then on the 1st working day after the 15th day or other holiday, then on the 1st working day after the 15th day.
7. All payments should be made by Demand Draft from a Schedule Bank drawn in favour of "Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore". No cash or cheque shall be accepted.
8. The sale is subject to confirmation of the Court.
9. In default of the purchaser/s to remit the balance of the purchase money within the stipulated period, the property shall be re-sold by issuing a fresh proclamation of sale. The deposit after defraying the expenses of the sale, may, if the Court thinks, be forfeited to the Government and the defaulting purchaser/s shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.
10. The procedure prescribed in the code of civil procedure shall apply.
11. For further particulars, contact the Court Commissioner at C/o. advocate Association, Mayohall Unit, Bengaluru and also at his Office/Residence No. 9/1, K.NUMBER, 4TH STREET, MARKAM ROAD, ASHOK NAGAR, BENGALURU-560025, MOBILE 9342826654, between 06:00 P.M. to 08:00 P.M. on any working day.

S. THAYAGARAJAN
Court Commissioner/Advocate
No. 9/1, K. NUMBER, 4TH STREET, MARKAM ROAD, ASHOK NAGAR, BENGALURU-560025. MOBILE: 9342826654.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, my clients **1). Sri. SUNIL PAWAR.S,** S/o. Sri. Subba Rao.G **2). Smt. DHANA LAKSHMI KATKAR,** W/o. Sri. Sunil Pawar.S, both presently residing at: Flat No. B-401, Pavani Ishta Apt, Sai Baba Temple Road, Munnekolala, Marathahalli Post, Bangalore-560037, intends to purchase the below mentioned vacant site property morefully described here below as Schedule Property from **Sri. Venkataswamy Reddy,** S/o Late. Munivenkatappa and his family members, represented by their GPA holder Sri. Lokesh, S/o. Venkaswamy Reddy and Sri. Vijay Kumar, S/o. Venkaswamy Reddy, Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 7 days from the date of publication of this Notice. Objections/or claims received there after will not be binding on my clients and my clients shall proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/ objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the **Vacant Plot No.V5, formed in old Sy No.111, New Sy No. 111/5, Present V.P.Katha No. 201/111/5/V5,** situated at Kathriguppe Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, in total measuring 1200 Square Feet, within the limits of Neriga Village Panchayath and is within the jurisdiciotn of Basavanagudi Sub-Registration Dist, with all appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the East by: Layout Boundary, West by: Layout Road, North by: Layout Boundary, South by: Plot No. V4

L. RAJESH, Advocates
No.101, Darga Street, Varthur, Bangalore -560 087. Mo.No. 9845525717

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the Schedule Property, from its present owner Mr. Nishanth Jayappa, S/o. Mr. Jayappa Bhadregowda, residing at Sumukha Avenue, TF3, KSRTC Layout, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore – 560 061, represented by his mother and GPA Holder Mrs. Parvathi Jayappa, who has represented to our client that he is the absolute owner and in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any right, title, interest, claim, share, over or in the Schedule Property or objecting to the proposed purchase, may lodge their claim/objection in writing with all the supporting documents evidence, by Registered Post, with the undersigned within fourteen days hereof, failing which, it would be presumed that there are no objections/claims and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the Schedule Property from the said Owner and became the sole and absolute owner of the Schedule Property. Any claim/objection received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immoveable property bearing Site No. 1408, formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at FURTHER EXTENSION of Banashankari 6th Stage, 4th 'H' Block Layout, Bangalore, measuring East to West : 9.00 Meters; North to South : 12.00 Meters, in all measuring 108.00 Square Meters, bearing PID No. 6000016317, with the following boundaries :

East by : Site No. 1407;
West by : Site No. 1409;
North by : Road; and
South by : Site No. 1433.

Sd/- **HARISH V.S,** Advocate
M/s. DNS LAW HOUSE
No. 36, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Kumara Park West, Bangalore-560 020.
Ph : 080 – 49191360
Email: dnslawhouse123@gmail.com
Place : Bangalore Date : 15-04-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client Dr. MOHINI N PRASAD intended to CANCEL / REVOKE the General Power of Attorney dt. 13/09/2021. registered on 14/09/2021 vide No. GAN-4-00207-2021-22, C.D. No. GAND1009, Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar, Bangalore, henceforth, assigned to her elder brother Dr. ARVIND DESAI, to manage the development and sale of Apartments under construction by M/s. Adarsh Developers of my client's 1/6 share in the Schedule Property. We request all/any people /any originations etc., not to Act, deal or transact pertaining to Schedule Property of any kind with Dr. Arvind Desai hereafter / immediately from today. If anyone entering into such transactions will be doing the same at their own risk and my client shall not responsible for such dealing. My client shall also not be liable for any loss, claims or damages etc.,

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the converted land under development by M/s. Adarsh Developers bearing Sy.No. 25/1 measuring to an extent of 3 Acres 29 Guntas or 1,62,261 sqft, presently bearing Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Katha No. 278/331, (old Byatarayanapura CMC Katha No. 331/25/1) Ward No.7, Byatarayanapura Division, situated at Kempapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Urban District and bounded as East by: Property of Sri. A C Devegowda, West by: Property of Sri. Venkataswamappa, North by: Government Road & South by: Property of Sri. Venkata Gowda & Sri. Kempanna.

K. R. NAGENDRA PRASAD, Advocate
No.22, 1st Floor, Central Street,
5th Block, K.P. West, Bangalore-560 020.
(M) 9845174054
Bangalore, Dt. 15/04/2024

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I AT BANGALORE
New Premises at 4th Floor, Rajbhavan Road, Telephone House Building, Bangalore - 560001
Original Application NO : 728/2020

BETWEEN:
Canara Bank ...Applicant
AND
Mr. Narayana Swamy C K & Ors. ....Defendants

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(viii) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To ;
1. Mr. Narayanaya swamy C. K, S/o. Kannappa, No.S-5, SLV Pride, 2nd Main, K.P. Agrahara, Bangalore-560040
PAN: ADSPN3813F
2. Mrs. Malathi, W/o. Narayana Swamy.C.K, No.S-5, SLV Pride, 2nd Main, K.P Agrahara, Bangalore-560040 ....Defendants

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application/interlocutory application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 41,92,473.80/-** only) with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **21/06/2024 at 10.30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application/interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **23/01/24.**

Sd/- Signature of the Officer
(Authorized to issue Summon)
DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -I BANGALORE

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Gowramma, W/o Sri. Chandraiah, aged about 50 years, residing at Buddaiahanapalya Village, Harthi Post, Magadi Taluk, Ramanagara District, has lost her original registered sale deed dated 28.02.2014 on 22.02.2024 at Herohalli Cross and could not able to trace out the same inspite of best efforts made by my client and thereafter she had lodged police complaint on 16.03.2024 before Byadarahalli Police Station and even then could not able to get the same. Hence, the public are hereby notified that any person/s traced out the same the same may kindly be contact to the below mentioned address and may kindly be handover the said document.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the site property Assessment No.8, Khatha No.8, Site No.47, measuring 15x40 feet, in all 600 sq.ft, situated at BBMP Ward No.40, Lingadheeranahalli Village, Yeahwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, and bounded on the: **East by :** Remaining portion in the same number, **West by :** Property No.46, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Property No.61.

C. JAIRAMAIAH, Advocate
No. 1K/271, 1st Floor, 4th Cross, Hanumantharayana Palya, Sunkadakatte, Magadi Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560 091.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to General Public that, **Mr. R Vinod Kumar, Mr. Ramamurthy S Sastry and Mrs. Lakshmi Ravinath,** all are residing at No. 34, SBI Officers Colony, Basaveshwarnagar, Bangalore have availed the loan from State Bank of India, RACPC Malleshwaram Branch, Bangalore by depositing the Original Title Deeds with the Bank, in respect of the below mentioned property. It is informed that Original Sale Deed, Dated 29.10.2009 and duly registered as Document No. YPR-1-01256-2009-10 of Book-I and stored at CD No. YPRD11 before the office of the Sub-registrar, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore is Lost/Misplaced and not traceable in the above mentioned branch. A Complaint is also lodged in Crime Branch, Bangalore City Police on 12.03.2024 (Lost Report No. 0971387/2024), in respect of above mentioned Original Title Deeds of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The Apartment **No. B-205,** on the Second Floor of apartment building "B" Block in the project known as **"RNS Shanthi Nivas"** measuring 1585 Sq.ft of Super Built Up Area with Vitrified tiles flooring and hard-wood flush doors/shutters, together with car parking space in the basement and UDS of 593 Sq.ft in property bearing Municipal No. 4/6, (PID No. 2-172-4/6) Situated at **Tumkur Road, Bangalore** and bounded as follows:

East By: Private Property; **West By:** Property bearing Municipal No. 65, belonging to Vendor (Proposed "A" Block); **North By:** Property belonging to Mysore Breweries Ltd; **South By:** Remaining portion of property owned by Firebricks & Potteries Pvt Ltd., and Private Property and access road to Tumkur Road. Any person/s having objections or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objections/claim to the above said Branch or to the address below mentioned Within **15 days** from the date of this Notice and also the general public is hereby informed that anybody dealing with the said property based on the lost/misplaced document in any manner whatsoever, will be doing so, at their own cost, risk and liabilities and my client will not be held responsible in any manner for any such transactions, Further if any transaction done by any, will not be binding on bank and the borrowers. Persons finding the above title deeds may kindly return the same to the undersigned and if any objections in this regard may contact the undersigned, failing which the above mentioned branch shall proceed with the further transaction.

T.C. Shashidhara
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
No. 49, 1st Floor, Opp. 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560002.
M : 9980139320, 8088022018

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client proposed to purchase the schedule property from **Smt. H. Radhamma,** W/o. Sri. V.R. Prakash and others All are R/ at No. 16/17, MBT Layout, Tavarekere, Magadi Main Road, Tavarekere, Bengaluru- 562130.

That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed sale transactions or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodged their claims/objections with documentary proof within **(10) ten days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned, failing which thereafter my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of Western portion of Property bearing No.200, Assessment No.72/1, of Balaji Layout Herohalli, Byadrahalli, Herohalli Dhakale, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Ward No.72, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet totally 1200 sq feet along with RCC roofed building thereon and bounded on: **East by:** Eastern portion of Property bearing No.200, **West by:** Property bearing No.193, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property No.201

Girish, Advocate
No.29/30, 58th Cross, 4th Block Rajajinagar, Bangalore- 560 010
Mobile: 9845540992, Date: 15.04.2024

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (DRT-I)
4th floor, BSNL Building, Telephone House, Ambedkar Veedhi, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560001
DRT-I
Case No. OA No. 840 / 2022

BETWEEN
Union Bank of India, Attibele Branch, Attibele, Bangalore Rural District
...APPLICANT
-- VS --
M/s. Yasaswini Enterprises and others
...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO THE DEFENDANT THROUGH PAPER PUBLICATION

To
Defendant No.1
M/s Yasaswini Enterprises,
A proprietorship firm, Represented by its proprietor Smt Saraswati K, Situated at #20, Ground floor, Narayasawamy Building, Near Lakshmi Theater, Bidrakere Road, Anekal, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka - 562106.
Another address: No. #10, Ground floor, Bidrager Road, Anekal Road, Bangalore -562 106

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to the Banks and Financial Institutions Act of 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.27,01,642-00** together with current and future interest and other reliefs.

You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the summons on or before **27-05-2024 at 10-30 AM** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the applicaion will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Hon'ble Tribunal on this **4th day of April 2024**

By the order of the Tribunal
Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1, BANGALORE

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that, the General Power of Attorney dated 03.05.2017, document No. BSK-4-00089-2017-18, Book-IV, recorded in CD No. BSKD401 and registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Banashankari, Bangalore. executed by **1)** Mrs. Padmavathi W/o Mariyappa, Aged about 56 years, **2)** Mrs. Bharathi .M D/o Mariyappa, Aged about 39, **3)** Mr. Chandrashekar .M S/o Mariyappa, Aged about 36 Years, (Sl No. 1 to 3 are R/at #2559 16th Cross, 18th Main, Kumaraswamy Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560078.) **4)** Mr. ALEEM PASHA S/o Shamshuddeen, Aged about 48 years, **5)** Mr. Naheem Pasha S/o Shamshuddeen, Aged about 46 years, **6)** Mr. Tajeem S/o late Abdul Najeer, Aged about 51 years, (Sl No. 4 to 6 are R/at #45/D, 9th Cross, ilyasnagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560078), **7)** Mr. Rajappa @ Rajanna S/o Late Annayappa, Aged about 60 Years, **8)** Mrs. Lakshmamma W/o Rajappa @ Rajanna, Aged about 57 Years, **9)** Mr. Narayanswamy S/o Rajappa @ Rajanna, Aged about 38 years, **10)** Mrs. Radha D/o Rajappa @ Rajanna, Aged about 32 Years, **11)** Mrs. Mala D/o Rajappa @ Rajanna, Aged about 28 years, (Sl No. 7 to 11 are R/at #42, Kanakapura Main Road, Kaggalipura Bangalore South, Bangalore-560082), **12)** Mr. A Gopal S/o Late Annayappa, Aged about 58 years, **13)** Mrs. Hemavathi W/o A Gopal, Aged about 48 Years, **14)** Mr. Jagadeesh S/o A Gopal, Aged about 28 Years, **15)** Ms. Keerthi G D/o A Gopal, Aged about 20 Years, (Sl No. 12 to 15 are R/at #19, G.K.M. College Road, Jaraganahalli Rajeevgandhi Main Road, JP Nagar, Bangalore-560078), and **16)** Mrs. Krishnamma D/o Late Annayappa, Aged about 58 Years, R/at #135, 1st Main, 6th Cross, Chikkaswamy Layout, Near Church Jaraganahalli, J P Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078., stands cancelled/ revoked under the Revocation of Power of attorney dated 26.03.2024, registered Vide Document No.ABL-4-00429-2023-24, Book-4, Registered office of the Sub-Registrar Basavangudi (Attibele), Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. and the attorney holder of **(1)** Mr. O. Manjunath S/o Obaiah, Aged about 58 years, R/at No.22, Manjunath layout, Kanakanagara, Yelachenahalli, J.P. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560078. **(2)** Mr. L . Manjunath S/o lakshminarayanappa, Aged about 55 Years, R/at No . 4 , "SUMUKHA", Yelacchenahalli, Bangalore-560078, has not acted on behalf of the owners with earlier General power of attorney dated 03.05.2017, and it is hereby informed to shall not have any right to deal with above the said earlier GPA in respect of the below mentioned Schedule property.

Therefore public at large hereby informed about the cancellation of the documents of earlier G.P.A dated 13.05.2017 & not deal with Said Schedule Property without our/my Client Consent in any manner & public at large are requested to not to deal any Transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of land Situated at Kaggalipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, land measuring in Sy No. 393, New Sy No.393/1, consisting 1 Acre of land, Sy No.393/2, measuring 25.08 Guntas, old Sy No.393, New Sy No. 393/3, New Sy No. 393/12 measuring 6.04 Guntas conversion old Sy No. 393, New Sy no. 393/3 measuring 12.12 Guntas, conversion Old Sy No. 393, New Sy No. 393/4 measuring 25.08 Guntas, conversion Old Sy No. 393 New Sy No. 393/4, measuring 25.08 Guntas, conversion Old Sy No. 393, New Sy No.393/5, measuring 25.08 Guntas, conversion Old Sy No.393, New Sy No.393/6, measuring 25.08 Guntas, conversion Old Sy No.393, New Sy No.393/7, measuring 03 Guntas, conversion Old Sy No.393, New Sy No. 393/8, measuring 03 Guntas, conversion Old Sy No.393, New Sy No. 393/9, measuring 03 Guntas, conversion Old Sy No.393, New Sy No. 393/11, measuring 6.08 Guntas, (Dated 06.09.2016, Bangalore D..C. Conversion No. ALN/(S.U)R(K)/ 32/2014-15 Agricultural Converted for Residential Purpose) Total Measurement of the land 4 Acre 16.8 Guntas, which is bounded as follows: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Sy No.46, **North by:** Sy No. 393/10, **South by:** Sy No.46.

T.V. Tajpeer Sab & Kashif Ahmed,
Advocates, No. 5, 1st Floor, H.M.S. & H.H.S Complex, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-560 002

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby informed that, my client **Smt. Rukmini T** is intending to purchase the Schedule Properties mentioned below from its owner **Sri. Darshan Reddy R,** aged about 34 years, son of **Sri. A.Rajanna,** residing at No.1423, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, H.M Road, Akkayamma Siddappa Reddy Road, HBR Layout, Bengaluru-560043. It is represented by the owner that he acquired the rights over the Schedule Properties, vide three separate Sale Deeds, all are dated 19.10.203, registered as documents No.BNS-1-14527-2023-24, No.BNS-1-14526-2023-24, & No.BNS-1-14525-2023-24, respectively, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Banasawadi, Bengaluru.

If any person/s who claim/s any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the said Schedule Properties and/or any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned together with supporting documents within Seven days hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our client would proceed to complete the transaction with aforesaid owner subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

Schedule Property

1) All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.37, in Layout known as "G.Lakshmaiah Layout", formed out of residential converted land Survey No.50/2 (Old No.50) E-Khatha No.150200400501320256, situated at Nadagowda Gollahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 60 Feet, total measuring 1800 Square Feet, and bounded on the; **East by :** Site No.37/1 & 37/2, **West by :** Site No.38, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No.35.

2) All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.37/1, in Layout known as "G.Lakshmaiah Layout", formed out of residential converted land Survey No.50/2 (Old No.50) E-Khatha No.150200400501320256, situated at Nadagowda Gollahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, total measuring 1200 Square Feet, and bounded on the; **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.37, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site No.37/2.

3) All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site No.37/2, in Layout known as "G.Lakshmaiah Layout", formed out of residential converted land Survey No.50/2 (Old No.50) E-Khatha No.150200400501320256, situated at Nadagowda Gollahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, measuring East to West 40 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, total measuring 1200 Square Feet, and bounded on the; **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.37, **North by :** Site No.37/1, **South by :** Site No.36.

Place: Bangalore **Date: 16.04.2024**

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DAY'S DIARY

Return of Lenin

In 1917, Vladimir Lenin, leader of the Bolshevik Party, returned to Petrograd after a decade in exile to install a dictatorship of the proletariat

REASON FOR EXILE

Lenin helped form a Union for the Struggle for the Liberation of the Working Class, for which he and the members were jailed for a year and exiled to Siberia for three years

ON ARRIVAL

Addressing his followers, Lenin argued that armed force must be used to seize control from the provisional government, formed after Tsar Nicholas II's abdication

TO THE POWER

He organised a volunteer paramilitary force, Red Guards, who captured government buildings in a coup d'état on November 7 and 8, 1917

A curated guide to happenings in the city

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First-time voters show their inked fingers after casting their vote at the 2023 Assembly elections | EXPRESS

HOPPING ON POLL WAGON

Doing thorough research before choosing their candidates are first-time voters in Bengaluru who are poring over previous work done to ensure their votes count

MONIKA MONALISA

IT'S the first time Ektha Kadam is going to be casting her vote in the upcoming general elections, for which Kadam is doing thorough research before casting her vote in the Indiranagar constituency. "I am discussing it with my parents. I am primarily looking for infrastructural developments. India is rapidly developing and I would like a government which looks into this aspect," says Kadam.

Just like Kadam, Surabhi V is aware, too, of how important it is to vote and be a part of the decision to elect the country's government. "More than excitement, I feel it is a huge responsibility. I don't want to take this opportunity for granted. I want to be completely aware of the pros and cons of the candidates I am voting for. I hope the next government that comes to power will give importance to women's safety. For example, I could see how women have been benefiting from our state government's free ride for women bus passenger policy," says Surabhi. Casting her vote this time is special for 21-year-old Surabhi since she missed the opportunity last time. "I don't regret it because I feel I am more aware of the situation now than what I was then," she mentions.

PP Prathibha, on the other hand, will be turning 18 next month. "Since the rule states that anyone turning 18 within three months of the voting date is eligible, I didn't want to let go of this chance of choosing the new government. I have seen my parents casting their votes and I have been looking forward to my turn. I am trying to be more aware of the news and how the current government has performed before making my choice," says a coy-sounding Prathibha.

Aprameya Sriram, a debutante voter, loves the buzz around the elections but is confused about who to vote for. "It feels like it does not matter; the changes are anyway hardly noticeable. One might say BJP has done a lot of developmental work, which is true, but the incident of hate crime has also intensified. It goes the same with other parties also," says Sriram, an Indiranagar resident.

Prithvi Prabhu, however, is more hopeful. "I am trying not to get influenced by my parents' experiences. I am deciding based on my own observations. For example, during the current government, the prices of LPG and fuel have shot up, making it hard for many," says Prabhu, adding that he hopes the next government will take up issues that are faced by civilians more seriously.

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CELEBRITY REALITY SHOW JUDGE GARY MEHIGAN, WHO SHOT TO FAME WITH MASTERCHEF AUSTRALIA, CRAFTED CULINARY MAGIC DURING HIS VISIT HERE

ASLAM GAFOOR

(The writer is a Bengaluru-based hospitality professional, food lover, and travel enthusiast)

'INDIAN CUISINE HAS A HUGE INFLUENCE ON MY COOKING'

CELEBRATED chef **Gary Mehigan**, renowned for his MasterChef Australia stint and popularity in India, curated an exclusive dining experience at The Ritz-Carlton, Bangalore with Conosh. A seasoned restaurateur and global culinary authority, Mehigan's journey from the UK to Australia has inspired chefs worldwide. We caught up with him in the city during his culinary tour spanning Gurugram, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru.

How does it feel to be back in India?
GM: It's always a pleasure to be in India, especially Bengaluru. The energy here is infectious, and the culinary scene is thriving. Russell Market left a lasting impression on me. The vibrant atmosphere, especially during Eid, was unforgettable. All those trucks laden with fruits and flowers are truly fascinating. On a previous visit, I even procured some knives from the market – I still use one of those, you know.

Your favourite food in Bengaluru?
GM: I'm always eager to try new things whenever I'm in Bengaluru. I particularly relish savouring a well-made filter coffee and dosae at the local tiffin rooms. I've also had the pleasure of dining at a few special restaurants in the city, helmed by chefs like Abhijit Saha and Manu Chandra. My wife and daughter have been to India a couple of times, and we just love South Indian food. Those fish-based dishes – they're simply irresistible. And let's not forget the appams – I make those regularly at home.

Culinary scene in Bengaluru compared to other cities you've visited?
GM: Each city has its own unique vibe, but Bengaluru stands out for its energy and diversity. It's definitely one of the culinary capitals of India.

Personal twists on traditional recipes, especially from Indian cuisine?
GM: Indian cuisine has a huge influence on my cooking, especially when I'm at home. My spice cupboard is like a treasure trove – everything from pepper to cardamom to various types of chillies. I'm constantly experimenting in the kitchen, and Indian flavours often find their way into my cooking. While I don't have any secret recipes, I love incorporating Indian spices and techniques into my dishes.

Your experiences in both hotel kitchens and running your own restaurant. How do they compare?
GM: Running a restaurant is definitely more intense. You have to be on top of your numbers every single day. Unlike hotels, where the pace may be slower, independent restaurants require constant attention to costs and revenue.

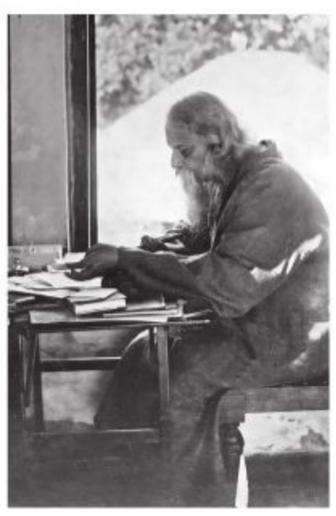
Your advice for aspiring chefs and home cooks?
GM: Know your numbers! Understanding the financial side of running a restaurant is crucial for success. It's the difference between thriving and struggling in the industry.

Your menu for the event sounds incredible, with a blend of international flavours. Could you tell us more?
GM: At 'A Dinner To Remember', I've crafted a seven-course menu that blends international flavours to perfection. Each dish is paired with premium whiskies by The Ardmore. Highlights include waffles with smoked & fresh salmon rillettes, caramelised mushroom & onion tarts, confit duck, salad of new season, and roasted Australian lamb cutlet with crisp pommes anna. And for dessert, prepare to be wowed by my thousand-leaf Alphonso mango mousse.

How have you seen Indian audiences evolve in their acceptance of different cuisines and flavours?
GM: Indians are becoming more adventurous with their palates, which is fantastic to see. There's a growing appreciation for international cuisines, and people are eager to explore new flavours and experiences. It's a really exciting time to be in the culinary world.

Documenting a century-old legacy

An exhibition depicting Indo-China friendship through the eyes of Rabindranath Tagore is being held till April 23



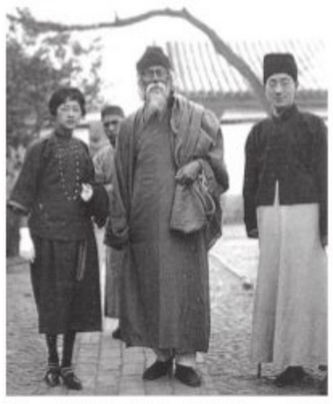
EXPRESS FEATURES

AMID the tumult of geopolitics, where the recurring conflict between India and China often captures the collective consciousness, it's easy to overlook that these nations have been cultural twins for millennia, deeply influencing each other through religion, literature, art, and more. A century ago, as China embraced its new republic status and India edged toward its own sovereignty, China welcomed one of India's most seminal thinkers – Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, who had then embarked on a journey to forge a complex yet enduring cultural bridge between the two nations. An exhibition titled Rabindranath Tagore: The Spirit of Asia and Our Human Future at the Indian Institute of World Culture (IIWC), Basavanagudi, documents that historical visit and offers possible solutions to many a conflict plaguing the world.

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Tagore's visit, the exhibition, organised in partnership with Gandhi Global Family, not only showcases Tagore's philosophical journey but also his interactions with key Chinese intellectuals. The display includes rare photographs, such as Tagore with Xu Zhimo and Lin Huiyin, and features ink brush portraits by Xu Beihong, and underscores Tagore's role as a cultural bridge, advocating for unity and peace across Asia.

"Tagore significantly influenced the cultural and intellectual landscape between China and India. As the first modern Indian ambassador to China, Tagore's contributions came against a backdrop of colonial rule experienced by both nations. His efforts highlighted the shared struggles for freedom and the flowering of Eastern literature, resonating deeply with literary figures in both countries. His role facilitated a dialogue centred on peace and cultural diversity, strengthening intellectual exchanges between China and India. This visit followed his receipt of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913, making him the first non-European laureate. During his time in China, Tagore had a significant impact on the country's literary scene. His influence persists in many Chinese textbooks today," explains Arakali Venkatesh Prasad, secretary, IIWC. He further notes, "Given that China and India together account for more than 35 per cent of the world's population, it is natural for there to be cultural and value-based exchanges between these two neighbouring giants. This backdrop underscores the importance of this exhibition, which aims to foster further dialogue and understanding between the two nations, enhancing cultural ties not only for their benefit but for the world at large."

The exhibition not only revisits a century-old legacy but also seeks to inspire contemporary solutions through Tagore's visionary contributions to art and literature. "Tagore significantly influenced the cultural and intellectual landscape between China and India. As the first modern Indian ambassador to China, Tagore's contributions came against a backdrop of colonial rule experienced by both nations," Prasad adds.



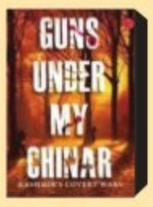
(From left) Lin Huiyin, Rabindranath Tagore and Xu Zhimo; Prof Gu Hongming (sitting) with Rabindranath Tagore and others

CITY READ

Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology holds expo

'Democratisation of Technology means tech rapidly continues to become more accessible. It is the duty of young technocrats to facilitate this process," opined Pamela Kumar, chief strategic advisor (Telecom & Data), FSID-Indian Institute of Science, while inaugurating the International Project Innovation Challenge 'Kaushalya' - Open House Project Expo-2024, organised by IEEE Bangalore Section, IEEE YESIST12, in association with the department of Electronics & Communication, Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology.

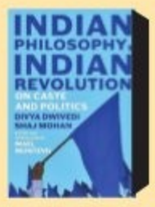
BOOK NOOK



Guns Under My Chinar: Kashmir's Covert Wars

By AM Watali

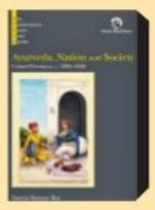
Former chief of police, AM Watali, of Kashmir reveals how covert warfare, espionage and geopolitical manoeuvres have shaped and reshaped the geopolitical landscape of Kashmir.



Indian Philosophy, Indian Revolution: On Caste And Politics

By Divya Dwivedi & Shaj Mohan

Engaging resurgence of upper-caste supremacism in India and its justification via the legacy of the Aryan doctrine and Hindu nationalism.



Ayurveda, Nation, and Society: United Provinces, c.1890–1950

By Saurav Kumar Rai

The growth of medical nationalism through the Ayurvedic revivalist movement in the United Provinces, and observes the ensuing change and continuity in the attitude towards indigenous medicine in independent India.

The Hill of Enchantment: The Story of My Life as a Writer

By Ruskin Bond

The author talks about the experiences that have shaped him, the events that inspired his most famous books and stories.

MUSICAL JOY

Actors stage the Kannada musical comedy *Chamannana Chiroti*, directed by Bidarahalli Vasudeva Murthy, at Suchitra Film Society | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

SUPER CROISSANT

INGREDIENTS

- **Eggs:** 8
- **Grated cheese:** 100 g
- **Milk:** Half a glass
- **Chives:** A fistful
- **Croissants:** 4

METHOD

- Whisk the eggs, cheese, milk and some seasoning in a bowl.
- Pour into a saucepan and heat gently.
- Stir continuously until the mix is softly scrambled.
- Put chives in and keep stirring.
- Split the croissants and put the scrambled mix inside.

Contributed by **Peter KK**, Thrissur

DEAR LIFE

Preeti Shenoy
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Novelist, Illustrator, Speaker.

How do I overcome the fear of losing someone I am very close to?

It is very natural to be terrified of losing someone we love. These could be parents, partners or loved ones without whom we cannot imagine our lives. They are our anchors, safespaces, and the people who are always there for us. The thought of losing them makes us feel rudderless and lost. I lost my father a few years back when I was least prepared for it. He was to visit me a week later. At that time I felt so crippled that I thought I would never recover. But we all have an in-built resilience and a survival mechanism which helps us overcome even our deepest sorrows. New paths open. The end of something, no matter how painful, is always the beginning of a new chapter. Try to separate your fears from the reality of the present moment. Meditation is one way that can help. Focus only on what you can control. Create good memories with them. Be grateful for their presence in your life. If the thoughts are so debilitating that you cannot function normally, then do not hesitate to seek professional help.

Send in your queries to askpreetishenoy@gmail.com

FITBIT

MATSYASANA BOLSTER

(FISH POSE BOLSTER)

This is an assisted supine pose and a variation of Matsyasana (Fish Pose), which is practised with the support of a bolster for the head and shoulders. This variation is seen mostly as part of restorative yoga sequences to help remain in the posture for a longer duration for students with a migraine, cervical or heart-related issues. The asana uses props to make the pose accessible and easier for people who may not have the needed strength, flexibility or balance to do the pose without props. Spiritually, it is associated with opening the Visuddha (throat) chakra. It also focuses on Ajna (third eye) chakra.

STEPS

- Sit in Dandasana (Staff Pose) stretching your legs in front of you.
- Place a bolster on the floor, behind you.
- Come to rest on your back, settling on the bolster. With the support of the elbows rest on the floor.
- Settle your head and shoulders on the bolster and stretch your arms on the side.
- Ensure that the spinal column (back of head, neck, upper, middle, and lower back) is centered on the bolster, to rest.
- Close your eyes, begin with slow, deep breathing, connect to the movement of the chest, rib cage, upper abdomen, and the sides of the torso with each round of inhalation and exhalation.
- With the legs stretched out, there will be a natural arch at the base of the spine, creating a deeper backbend of the upper body.
- Stay here for about 6-8 breaths. Initially, the pressure on the upper back may bring discomfort, but with practise it will become smooth and easy. Stay relaxed with the neck and shoulders.
- To release, exhale and turn your body to one side. Inhale, back to Dandasana, but with legs apart.

BENEFITS

- Helps to stretch the neck, shoulders, chest, upper abdomen, upper back, and spine.
- Aids to stay in posture for a longer duration, thereby strengthening the stretched parts of the body, mainly the spine.
- Helps stay connected and be aware of the body and feel the stretch.
- Stimulates the organs of the abdominal area, including the stomach, for digestion.
- Those who sit long hours at the desk, driving or riding, or who use the shoulders and neck excessively, can benefit.
- Soothes nerves and muscles. Reduces stiffness and heaviness around neck and shoulders.
- Benefits those who have a hunched back by rectifying the spine.
- Improves functioning of the nerves connected to the spine.
- Leaves a calming effect on the body and the mind.
- This asana is a part of restorative yoga sequence.
- Aids with anxiety issues or insomnia.
- Helps keep asthma in control by improving respiratory functions.
- Improves blood circulation in any kind of ailments related to the thyroid hormones.

LIMITATIONS

- This variation is safer to practise, though care should be taken if you are injured, have undergone a surgery, are recovering from severe back pain, or have severe asthma conditions, since opening the bronchial passage deeper may cause more irritation than help cure.
- If you have BP, migraine, insomnia, serious lower-back or neck injuries, avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Glamon

This Saturday, get ready for a masquerade party with a special Glow in the Dark edition! Dance to top DJs along with free glow sticks and face painting.

WHEN: April 20, 10pm **WHERE:** Loft 38, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Comedy Hour

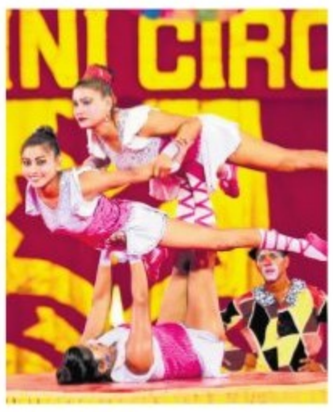
Experience laughter like never before at this live standup comedy night organised by Blue Bulb Comedy, featuring a stellar lineup of talented comics.

WHEN: April 17, 9pm **WHERE:** BurgerMan, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Cinema Under the Stars

Experience an unforgettable evening with the Under the Sky Movie Night at Marriott Bangalore Whitefield, featuring the iconic Hindi film *Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge* starring Shahrukh Khan and Kajol.

WHEN: April 20, 8pm
WHERE: Bengaluru Marriott Hotel, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Flying High

Step into a world where nostalgia meets modern spectacle at Gemini Circus for an unforgettable experience.

WHEN: April 17, 7pm
WHERE: ITI Ground, Krishanarajapuram
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Mic Night

The stage is all set at this open mic session so that you can showcase the artiste in you, be it music, poetry, comedy, drama, standup, painting, dancing or any other form of arts.

WHEN: April 21, 7pm
WHERE: Expressions, Varthur Main Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Theatre Time

Witness the riveting play *Karimayi*, based on Chandrashekhara Kambara's novel, employing a unique Bayalaata folk theatre technique as the story explores the clash between tradition and modernity in village life.

WHEN: April 16, 7.30pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Clay Love

Get ready for a captivating and immersive pottery workshop experience where creativity takes shape with the magic of your fingers.

WHEN: April 16, 6pm
WHERE: Small World, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Strings Therapy

Discover the art of ukulele playing through the soulful melodies of Arijit Singh's *Channa Mereya* at this special workshop for enthusiasts and fans. Perfect for both beginners and seasoned strummers, this session promises a harmonious experience.

WHEN: April 20, 12pm
WHERE: My School of Rock, Adugodi
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

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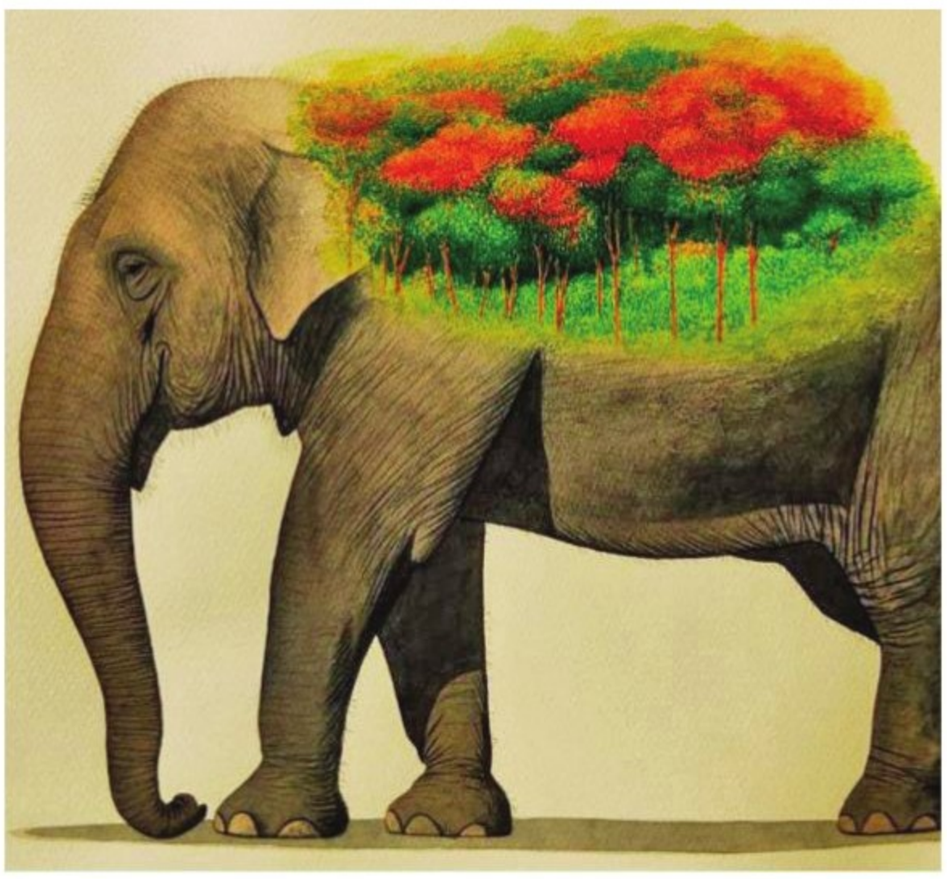

NURTURED BY NATURE

A painting from Dushyant Patel's elephant series showcased as part of 'Whispers of Nature' at Kalakriti Art Gallery, Hyderabad

WONDER WOMEN

Visual artist and entrepreneur Kadambari Misra's Iconic Women Project highlights the unsung female icons of history through photography and storytelling

Mutthulakshmi Reddy

Ranganayaki Ammal

Misra portrays activist Tarabai Shinde

MONIKA MONALISA

WALKING through the exhibit at the ongoing edition of Whitefield Art Collective, you will come across a series of picture portraits of women from history. This curation by artist Kadambari Misra who modelled as these iconic women, is an attempt to 'photographically interpret' them.

The series has women from different regions and eras like Begum Hazrat Mahal, Tarabai Shinde, and more. "I looked to feature women with different stories. I find these stories keep repeating. They echo each other through eras and across countries," says Misra, adding that all these women were 'badass' in different ways.

One of the ladies she portrays in the series is Muthulakshmi Reddy, who was born into the Devdasi community. "The trauma of that was so heavy. She became a law maker and was on a bench with so many British and Indian men. We're talking about the 1880s, so it's no mean feat. The first thing she did was pass a bill against the trafficking of women and children," says Misra.

The series also features Bharat Ratna MS Subbulakshmi, capturing a rare side of the musical legend. "To us, she is the goddess of Carnatic music associated with the MS blue Kanjeevaram. I wanted to portray that one moment when she was this rebellious teenager," she adds.

In a world where feedback is immediate, Misra got her share with someone mentioning that her work might come across as cosplaying. "It's a little bit more than cosplay because I draw inspiration from these women," she affirms.

For the photoshoot, she also restricted herself to not rent or buy any part of the costume and create it with whatever she had. "If you look at Puabi, who was a Mesopotamian queen, I made her headgear at home with spoons which were easily available," she signs off.

(Iconic Women Project at Whitefield Art Collective is exhibited at VR Mall, till May 5)

I find these stories [of women] keep repeating. They echo each other through eras and across countries

Kadambari Misra, artist

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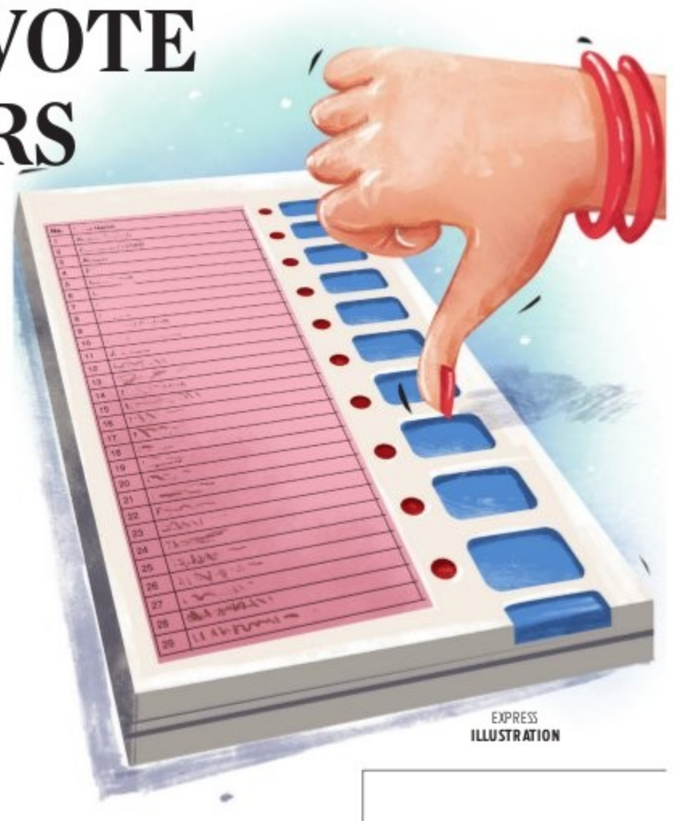

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

WE are in the throes of the largest spectacle on earth – the Lok Sabha elections. Dance of democracy is a popular sobriquet for this humongous exercise under which all Indians – the eligible voters – dance. There is no rhythm, no symphony and no synchronisation to any particular meter or anthem. There are no steps or notes of music to guide you to dance in a particular manner or genre.

There's sound and cacophony, enough to render the loudest blast docile; there's enough colour, sycophancy and sloganeering to dumb down any doubt that you as the voter are god and the man genuflecting in front of you with his frenzied followers is the one who will redeem you from your mundane sorrows if you were to elect him. Every five years we all break into this ritualistic dance. There is so much hungama around it. From the fans, followers to media; each one shelling out their wisdom on the prognosis on who will walk the ramp and win the crown. Everyone bets their best bet and others checkmate it. You cannot escape the political goss in closest informal friendly meetings, even those glossy weekend getaways with the classiest single malt can turn ballistic if who you uphold as the person who can steer India to its glorious destiny (in your imagination) is ridiculed and rubbished by others. Be prepared to get cornered and know how to show your fangs on such occasions. Learn a trick or two to be vile and safeguard your sanity. A learned advise is to know some facts, if not prehistorical then at least a little before and post Independence. But where will you get your facts right is not an easy question to answer. The pedagogues also come with a baggage. So you make a pick and place your bet. And if you have been an aware citizen you may not err.

The Parliament elections in India are indeed the world's biggest exercise of active suffrage and each of us voters is an important player. Listen to the cacophony, watch the charade around you, participate in the frenzy and festivities of the once-in-five-year-festival, which ideally is meant to be celebrated in the spirit of the Constitution but let the histrionics not jade you. Behind every promise that is tied to an inducement there is dishonesty and moral corruption. We know our rights and shout out to claim them. Do we know our duties? If we do then let's deliver them as awakened voters and watch our votes perform. Get your voter ID, check if your name is registered with the Election Commission and go out and vote on the polling day. Don't use the holiday given to you to vote to scoot out of the city on a leisure trip. If you do then don't crib on who you get to rule you. Flaunt the voter's ink on your finger nail as a statement of your right. It's an irony that celebrities have to be pooled in to make you aware that you have a sacred right – the right to vote. Enough of the sermon! The countdown has begun. There is no such thing as a vote that doesn't matter. I agree with former US president Barack Obama on this. Every vote matters. Yours, mine and theirs. Only if we vote.

(The writer's views are personal)

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KUKKEHALLI SHRUTHI UDUPA** Aged about 33 Years, D/o **Rajagopal Udupa Kukkehalli,** R/at No.1325, 8th Cross, Sri Rajarajeshwari Sri Lakshmi Narayan, Kengeri, Upanagara, Bangalore- 560060 have changed my name to **SHRUTHI** vide affidavit dated: 13/4/2024 Before Notary **B.K.R. Krishnamurthy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SOGRA BANU** R/at No.23/1, Anjeneya Temple Street, T V Tower J C Nagar, Bangalore-560006, have changed my name to **SOGHRA BANU** vide affidavit dated: 06/04/2024 Before Notary **S.R.Nanjunda Swamy** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SUSEELAMMA N.** W/o Kanasani Sivasankar Reddy, aged 42 years, R/at Flat No.406, 4th Floor, Malibu Belezza, Apartment, Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore-560087, my name is correctly mentioned in my Bank Pass Book mentioned as **"SUSEELAMMA NEERUGATTI"** In my passport wrongly mentioned as my surname **"NIRUGATI"** instead of **"NEERUGATTI".** Therefore I hereby declare that, my name is **SUSEELAMMA NEERUGATTI** and it should be necessary to add my surname as **'NEERUGATTI'** instead of **'NIRUGATI'** in my aforesaid pass port as mentioned. Hence this affidavit. vide Sworn Affidavit dated **12.04.2024** before **Yankoba** Advocate and Notary.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sathyagalam Nanjunda Swamy Lakshmi, W/o. V Kishor Kumar, R/at No 14, 24th Main, 1st Cross, Puttenahalli, J P Nagar, 7th Phase, Bengaluru - 560078, I have changed my name from **'LAKSHMI KISHOR KUMAR** to **SATHYAGALAM NANJUNDA SWAMY LAKSHMI.** Vide affidavit dated 12.04.2024. Sworn before Advocate and Notary H.S.Sakalesh Aradhya, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **LINUS CHINMOY.P.A,** daughter of Jc303179H Rank: Sub Maj Name: Partha Sarathi.M.R. aged about 18 years, R/at No.16/2, 2nd Main Road, C.M. Layout, Yellukunte, Bengaluru - 560 068, I have changed my date of birth from **19.12.2006** (as per NOK in record) to **19.12.2005** (my original date of birth), vide affidavit dated 4/4/2024 sworn to before Prakasha. C advocate and notary Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VINOD SHAMJI PATEL** (New Name), S/o Shamji Patel, residing at No. 360, 4th Cross, 5th Main, VBHCS, Sachinananda Nagar, RR Nagar, Bangalore- 560098, Karnataka, India, that I have changed my name from **PATEL VINODKUMAR SHAMJI** (Old Name) to **VINOD SHAMJI PATEL** (New Name), henceforth I shall be known and called **VINOD SHAMJI PATEL** (New Name) only for all purpose, vide Affidavit dated : 15/04/2024, before Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN.K,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **1. Krishnakumar Parasuram** and **2. Smt. Deepa Bhavasar Musalay Balachandra Rao,** R/o No. 215, Block-E, Janhavi Shelters, 9th Cross, Akshayanagar, Yelenahalli, Bangalore-560 068 do hereby declare that our son Master **NIKHIL BHAVASAR,** in his passport Surname is mentioned as **KRISHNAKUMAR** and given name is mentioned as **NIKHIL BHAVASAR,** with BHAVASAR as Surname, vide affidavit dated 10th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B.P. SRINIVASAMURTHY**
S/o Puttahanumaiah residing at Bharathipura Village, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural-562123, India, do hereby solemnly affirm and declare as under: I have Changed my name **P SRINIVASAMURTHY** to **B.P. SRINIVASAMURTHY.**
I am executing this declaration to be submitted to the concerned authorities for the change of name
VERIFICATION
Verified at Nelamangala on 3rd day of April 2024 that the above contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein.
Attested by Notary Advocate / Oaths Commissioner.
vide affidavit dated 03.04.2024 sworn to Advocate & Notary
R. LAKSHMINARAYANA.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANDEEP NARAYAN SHARMA** Residing at No. DG 05, Casagrand Lorenze, Belahalli, Markandaiah Nagar, Agrahara Layout, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064 have changed my minor daughter's name from **TEJASWINI SHARMA** to **SNEH SHARMA** vide affidavit dated 08-04-2024 before Notary H.K. Gopalagowda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARJUNRAJ M**, S/o Munirathnanaidu R, age 32 years, R/at No. 312, KHB Qtrs, Krishnappa Lane, Jeevanahalli, bharathi Nagar, Bengaluru-560 005 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PERUMAL M** to **ARJUNRAJ M,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **ARJUNRAJ M** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **UDAY KUMAR .K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) VEENA GUNDMI THANOJ W/o Bailmane Thanoj Kumar Rao, residing at # 681, 6th Block, SMV Layout, Near KLE Law College, Bangalore-560091, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VEENA GUNDMI THANOJ** to **(NEW NAME) B VEENA RAO** vide affidavit dated 13.04.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **BINET GEORGE**, D/o George Naganolil Jhon, age 43 years, R/at 265, 1st Main Road, Ambedkar Park, Koramangala 8th Block, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560 095 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **BINET GEORGE** and **BINET JUBIN** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **BINET GEORGE**, vide affidavit dated 15th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANESH GOWDA M.V** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANJUNATH .M**, S/o. Mannoji Rao, aged about 30 years, residing at No. 411, Ganesh Mandir Road, Shastry Nagar, Bangalore-560070, India, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANJUNATHA .M** to **MANJUNATH .M,** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2024, sworn to before P. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAKUNTALA KAREDDY**, W/o. Manju Karthik Jayalingappa residing at G1 35/36, 7th Cross, PR Layout, HAL 2nd Stage, Murugesh Palya, Bangalore-560017, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SHAKUNTALA** to **SHAKUNTALA KAREDDY**, vide affidavit dated 12.04.2024, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MUNIAPPA SATISH S/o. Muniyappa Hosahalli Chikkanna, residing at No.13, G. Hosahalli, Magadi Main Road, opposite to Government School, Bangalore North, Bengaluru-560091, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) MUNIAPPA SATISH** to **(NEW NAME) MUNIYAPPA SATISH** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ROSHNI BAIJUMON**, (New Name) R/A No.42,Bethel House, Blessing Garden Layout, Yerappanahalli, Yerappanahalli Bande Rd, Bangalore North, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Bangalore-560077. I wholly renounce/relinquish and abandon the use of my former name/surname of **ROSHINI PHILIP**, and in place thereof, from this date known with name **ROSHNI BAIJUMON**. Hereafter called as **ROSHNI BAIJUMON**. Sworn Vide Affidavit dated: 12.04.2024 before Notary C. Santhosh, Bangalore 560 033 .

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIJAYA KUMARI,** spouse of, No. 1342808,Ex Late Sep ANANDA residing No. 3687, 9th Cross, 13th D Main, HAL 2nd Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560008,have changed my name from **VIJAYA KUMARI** to **N.VIJAYALAKSHMI**, vide affidavit dated: 10.04.2024, before Notary **S.Samuel Solomon**, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) BAILMANE THANOJ KUMAR RAO S/o B Venkat Rao, residing at # 681, 6th Block, SMV Layout, Near KLE Law College, Bangalore-560091, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) BAILMANE THANOJ KUMAR RAO** to **(NEW NAME) THANOJ RAO** vide affidavit dated 13.04.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PEER BHAKTER ABDUL KHADIR ALIAS ABDUL KHADIR,** S/o Peer Bhakter, aged about 58 years, permanent resident of No. 46-86-43,Bhudhavar Peta, Habeeb Mubarak Nagar, Kurnool, Pin 518002,Andhra Pradesh, now camped at Bengaluru have changed my name to **ABDUL KHADIR** vide affidavit dt. 15/04/2024 before Notary **C V Earappa**, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, NEETHU (OLD NAME), aged 43 years, W/o Sanjay Kumar Mahaveer Chand, Residing at No. 29, Aashirwad, Bull Temple Road Cross, Mahantha Layout, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru 560018, have changed my name **NEETHU MAHAVEER CHAND SANJAY KUMAR (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 25/Mar/2024, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANTOSH SRINIVAS RAO**, S/o. Srinivas Rao, residing at No. A-001, Platinum Lifestyle Apartments, 80 Feet Road, J.P. Nagar, 8th Phase, Bengaluru-560083, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANTOSH** to **SANTOSH SRINIVAS RAO,** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2024, sworn to before P.N. Nagesha, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, RAJVI PATEL, C/o. Pratik Rajeshbhai Patel, aged about 34 years, residing at C-1402, Alembic Urban Forest, A B Vajpayee Road, Off Channasandra Main Road, Whitefield, Kadugodi Plantation, Bangalore, Karnataka 560 067, have changed my name to RAVAL RAJVI vide affidavit dated: 15.04.2024 before advocate and notary Umamaheswary, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. RAVI K N**, age 44 years, S/o Nagappa .K, R/at No. C-104, 1st Floor C Block, Maturusris Sai Sanvi, Ramamurthy Nagar Main Road, Grandeur Sy. No. 4, District, Bangalore-560 016 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **RAVI KUNE NAGAPPA** and **RAVI .K.N** are one and the same and refers to me only, Full Form is **RAVI KUNE NAGAPPA**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAVI K N** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 13-04-2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L.B. ANASUYAMMA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M SHANTHI**, W/o Magendran T Residing at VenugopalBuilding, Beratena Agrahara, Electronics City, BENGALURU-560100, have changed my name to **TAMILSELVI D M,** vide affidavit dated: 20.11.2023, before Notary **Sumithra N,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKATESH RAMAIAH**, S/o Ramaiah, age 55 years, R/at No. 169, 3rd Main Road, Near Yellamma Temple, Gottigere, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560083 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VENKATESHA RAMAYYA** to **VENKATESH RAMAIAH**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **VENKATESH RAMAIAH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 6th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
Sunitha M Patted W/o Mohan N Patted R/o. No.1196, 40th Main, 44th Cross, I Stage, Kumarswamy Layout, BANGALORE-560078, have changed my name to **Sunitha Kadle Prakash** for all the purposes. Affidavit dated 15.04.2024.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VASANTH PAVAR,** S/o. Tukaram Somulu Pavar, resident of No. 728/10, 62nd Cross, 5th Block, Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **VASANTH TUKARAM PAVAR** to **VASANTH PAVAR,** vide affidavit dated 15.04.2024, sworn to before C.K. Anupama, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Smt. LAKSHMI,** alias LAKSHMAMMA, (Super Senior Citizen) aged about 81 years, Residing No.36/8, 2nd Main Road, Matadahalli, Opp Chunchappa Block, Bangalore 560 032, I declare that both the names **LAKSHMI** and **LAKSHMAMMA** belong to one and the same person ie, myself, Henceforth my name will be called as **LAKSHMAMMA** for all future intents and purposes., vide affidavit dated 6/4/2024 sworn to before 32nd Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bangalore

AFFIDAVIT
I, **CANUTE NORONHA,** S/o. Gregory Noronha, Residing No. 8 16/2, 22nd Main Road, 6th Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, JP Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore 560078, I, declare that my Passport wrongly mentioned in my name as **KENNETH NORONHA** instead of **CANUTE NORONHA** and I have decided to continue my name in future as **CANUTE NORONHA** vide affidavit dated 13-04-2024 sworn to before notary Mohammed Hussain .K, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GHOUSIA KHAN,** W/o Mastan Khan S, age 34 years, R/at Flat No. 307, Visu Green Castle Apartment, 3rd Floor, 2nd Cross, Cholanayakanahalli, R T Nagar Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 032 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GHOUSIA BANU NAMAZI** to **GHOUSIA KHAN,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GHOUSIA KHAN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12th April 2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary **LEELA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **YASEENALI MOHAMMAD ALI KHAN**, Son of Mohammad Ali Mohammad Kasim Khan, aged 39 years, Residing at No. 11,3rd floor, 1st Cross, Mangammana Palya, AL Rahi School, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru 560068, have changed my name to **YASEEN ALI KHAN,** vide affidavit dated: 10.04.2024, before notary **N. Kanchivaradaraju,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) USHA SATISH W/o M Satish, residing at No 13, Magadi mainroad, Near Government School, G Hosahalli, Viswaneedam, Bangalore-560091, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) USHA SATISH** to **(NEW NAME) USHA SATISH K** vide affidavit dated 13.04.2024 sworn before Notary K.C.Shashikala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LAKSHMINARAYAN KASARAGODU SUBBA RAO (OLD NAME), aged about 48 years, S/o Subba Rao Kasaragodu, Residing at No.598, 1st Floor, 9th A Cross, KN Extension, Triveni Road, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru 560022, have changed my name to **LAKSHMINARAYANA KASARAGODU SUBBA RAO (NEW NAME),** vide affidavit dated 10/Mar/2024, sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **OMPRAKASH PARASMAL JAIN,** S/o. PARASMAL SAVANTRAJ JAIN and Residing at SF 3 RK Residency No. 10, Devanth Acharya Street, Near Adarsh College, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560019, Karnataka, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **OMPRAKASH JAIN** to **OMPRAKASH PARASMAL JAIN,** vide affidavit 12.04.2024, sworn to before M. Radhamma, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SINGH RANAPRATAP resident of SMQ 91/15, Akash Vihar Camp, Marathahalli - 560037, have changed my name from **SINGH RANAPRATAP** to **RANA PRATAP SINGH** vide affidavit dated 09 April 2024 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore - 560008.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JITENDRA RANKA** R/at No. 50/39, 3rd Main Road, 16th Cross, Lakkasandra, Gopalappa layout, Bangalore - 560030 have changed my name to **JITENDER RANKA** vide affidavit dated: 15/4/2024 Before Notary **Srinivasa D** Bangalore.

Pruthvi Ambaar

Chandrashekar Bandiyappa to direct Pruthvi Ambaar in a family entertainer

CE FEATURES

Aane Pataki and *Tarakasura* director Chandrashekar Bandiyappa, well-known for *Rathaavara* starring Sriimurali, is now collaborating with *Dia* hero, Pruthvi Ambaar. "I have just completed shooting for my first Hindi film, *Red Collar,* starring Kishore, which is in post-production. Having worked as a writer for *Karavalli,* which is directed by Gurudatha Ganiga, I am geared up to begin my next project," says the director. Chandrashekar, who is particularly known for taking up cult subjects, is making a shift by opting for a family entertainer, which he says will also bring a change in the screenplay. "This subject is specially crafted keeping the present generation in mind, and Pruthvi Ambaar best suits this story."

The yet-to-be-titled project will be produced by Kallahalli Chandrashekar, an educationalist, under the banner of Vidya Shekar Enterprise. The makers have roped in Sachin Basrur for music, while the rest of the cast and technicians are being finalised. Meanwhile, Pruthvi Ambaar, last seen in *Matsyagandha,* has *Bhuvanam Gaganam* and *Life is Beautiful,* in different stages of post-production. The actor is also set to mark his Tamil debut with Mazhai Pudikatha Manithan.

Chandrashekar Bandiyappa

MAHESH BABU TO LAUNCH JERUSHA AS HEROINE IN A YOUTHFUL ROMANCE

The film will also introduce Rakshit (Smile Guru) as the hero, along with the makers bringing another actor as part of the principal cast

Mahesh Babu

Rakshit

A SHARADHAA

Mahesh Babu, the director who introduced a number of actors like Aindrita Ray (*Meravanige*), Kriti Kharbanda (*Chiru*), Nikki Galrani (*Ajith*), Ashika Ranganath (*Crazy Boy*), and Hrithika Srinivas (*Aparoopa*), is now all set to introduce a new face, Jerusha, to the Kannada film industry. This budding talent is no stranger to the camera. She already caught the attention of audiences as a child artist in the Sudeep-starrer *Veera Madakari*. With a background in advertisements and theater, Jerusha is poised to make a grand entrance to the silver screen under Mahesh Babu's direction.

Jerusha will be sharing the screen with Rakshit (Smile Guru), who is best known for appearing in dance reality shows. Additionally, Mahesh Babu is roping in another talented actor to the principal cast, the details of which will be unveiled soon. Describing the film as another captivating tale of youthful romance, the director expresses his delight in collaborating with fresh talents. "I am thrilled to launch newcomers and someone with immense potential. I intend to present these actors in a whole new light," says Mahesh Babu.

This yet-to-be-titled venture will be produced by Chethan and Anurag, will have Anoop Seelin scoring the music, while Sathya makes his debut as a cinematographer. With the team scouting locations predominantly in and around Bengaluru, filming is scheduled to commence in May.

Jerusha

Kaashima embraces new avatar for thriller drama *Victoria Mansion*

The film is produced by Umesh KN along with Rajesh Bali, who doubles as the lead actor and director

CE FEATURES

Temper actor Kaashima, who gained prominence for her performance in Naresh Kumar's *South India Hero,* is currently occupied with the shooting of *Victoria Mansion*. She essays the female lead in the film, directed by Rajesh Bali, who also doubles up as the film's hero. As the film's shoot nears completion, the makers recently had Shivarajkumar unveil the first look poster. Meanwhile, the team has also shared some exclusive stills with *CE*.

Victoria Mansion revolves around the bizarre incidents that occurred in Hanumanagiri in the year 1900 and the peculiar rituals that were practiced, which have remained veiled in mystery for centuries. The film delves into the investigation conducted by the archaeological department, unfolding as a thriller drama. According to the makers, the film will feature Kaashima in a new avatar.

The film is shot in and around Bengaluru, as well as in Moodbidri, Mangaluru, Chikmagalur, and Belur, among other locations. Umesh K N, previously involved in film promotions on digital platforms, is now venturing into production in association with Rajesh Bali, and will be bankrolling the project under the Sri Padmavathi Productions banner.

The technical crew of *Victoria Mansion* comprises music composer Kiran Ravindranath, cinematographer Veeresh Bugude, editor Nani Krishna, and stunt choreographer Ashok Master. The ensemble cast includes Mimicry Gopi, Mathe Koppal, Shridhar, Bala Rajavai, Gurudev Nagaraj, Umesh, Madan Raj, Anji Hitesh, Palti Govind, Shailaja, and Keerthan in pivotal roles.

A still from the film

Kaashima

Shivarajkumar and R Chandru with team *Victoria Mansion*

Huma Qureshi begins filming for *Gulabi*

CE FEATURES

On Monday, actor Huma Qureshi took to social media to share that she had started shooting for her upcoming film *Gulabi*, in Ahmedabad. Directed by Vipul Mehta, Huma plays an autorickshaw driver in the film.

Gulabi was announced on International Women's Day, on March 8. According to reports, it is based on a true story of a woman who became an autorickshaw driver and inspired other women to reclaim their lives. Huma was last seen in the political thriller *Maharani Season 3*. The series premiered on Sony LIV on March 7. She will also be seen in *Pooja Meri Jaan* alongside Mrunal Thakur.

Produced by Jyoti Deshpande and Vishal Rana, Gulabi is presented by Jio Studios and Echelon Productions. The makers are yet to details regarding the cast, crew, and release date of the film.

Humba Qureshi

Sharan's *Choomantar* gets a new release date

CE FEATURES

Sharan's *Choomantar,* initially slated for an April release, now has a new release date. As per the latest announcement, the horror-comedy drama directed by Navaneeth is all set to hit screens on May 10. The film is all set to feature Sharan in a brand new persona, a role different from his previous characters. *Choomantar* also sets a new standard for the making of horror films in Kannada.

Interestingly, Chikkana, who recently enjoyed success with Upadhayaksha, will play a prominent role in *Choomantar.* This collaboration between Chikkana and Sharan, which comes after their work together in *Adyaksha,* is expected to be a treat for fans. *Choomantar,* which revolves around paranormal activities and ghost hunters, promises a chilling atmosphere brought to life by 50 minutes of VFX, said to be one of the film's highlights.

Produced by Manasa Tarun and Tarun Shivappa under the Tarun Studios banner, *Choomantar* will have music composed by Chandan Shetty and background music scored by Avinaash R Basutkar. Anup Kattukaran has handled the cinematography while Venki UDV is the editor. The film also stars an ensemble cast including Meghana Goankar, Aditi Prabhudeva, Prabhu Mundkur, and Rajini Bharadwaj in pivotal roles.

A still from the film